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BRITISH PEACE DRIVE REPORT PURE INVENTION

London, To-day.

A report published in a Japanese newspaper to the effect that after consultation with the Soviet Ambassador, the British Ambassador to Chungking urged General Chiang Kai-shek to cease hostilities with puppet regime and hold an international conference with representatives of third Powers with an agenda acceptable to Japan, is authoritatively denied here as "pure invention." — Reuter.

AMERICA'S CLEAR WARNING TO JAPAN: SHOULD SHAKE OUT OF FOOL'S PARADISE

London, To-day.

THE CHINESE AMBASSADOR to London, Mr. Quo Tai-chi, in an interview with Reuter on the speech in Tokyo of the American Ambassador to Japan, Mr. Joseph Grew, said:

"In my opinion Mr. Grew performed an act of real friendship to the Japanese people.

"Like the Germans they are never allowed to know the truth and this speech, backed as it is by Washington's approval, should awaken them from a fool's paradise."

Official circles in London withhold comment pending an expected report from Sir Robert Craigie, the British Ambassador to Tokyo, but admit that if the speech is correctly reported, it is an event of the first importance.

Far Eastern circles generally express the opinion that the United States Government wished to

give Japan a plain warning of its attitude towards Japan's "Now Order in East Asia" in view of the approaching negotiations for the renewal of the Japanese-American Trade Agreement.

TENDENTIOUS REPORTS

Japanese reports that the British Ambassador to Chungking, Sir Archibald Kerr Clarke Kerr is suggesting peace terms to Chungking are scouted by Mr. Quo, who told Reuter that the reports were tendentious and without foundation.

Mr. Quo added: "The Japanese have for a long time thrown out peace feelers but China has never swerved from her position that no peace is possible while Japanese troops remain on Chinese soil.

"China certainly will not modify her decision after her recent successes over the Japanese attacks in Huguang and Shensi." — Reuter.

CHUNGKING ENTHUSIASTIC

Chungking, To-day. The speech made in Tokyo by the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Joseph Grew. (Continued on Page 20)

171,000 TICKETS ON BIG SWEEP

The announcement of tickets sold for the big sweep in the last race to-day was 171,000. This morning, however, the usual last minute rush was not seen.

GERMAN THREAT TO NEUTRALS

London, To-day.

Germany has informed the neutral countries that if their ships accept convoys from the British or French they will be treated as enemy craft, i.e. sunk at sight.

This warning is generally considered somewhat superfluous, as for some weeks past Germany has been treating neutral ships the same as enemy craft.

A message from Oslo states that it is now established that the Norwegian steamer Lorentz Hansen, which was sunk in the Atlantic while en route between England and Canada, was torpedoed. — Reuter.

WRETCHED WEATHER IN FRANCE

London, To-day.

"The wet and the cold seem set in for the Winter but all is well on the British Western Front, says Reuter's special correspondent with the British Expeditionary Force, "somewhere in France."

He quotes a high staff officer as declaring cheerfully that such weather is "just what we want."

He said that the belief is apparently held that bad weather and heavy going must be infinitely harder to bear for the Germans than for the field forces of the Allied army.

The correspondent added: "I have just returned from General H.Q. after driving and walking scores of miles over the British zone where there has been an inspection of our front line positions.

"It has been wretched weather with heavy rain and cold winds in many places. I saw considerable flooding.

SPIRITS HIGH

"The spirits of the troops remain wonderfully high, many units making their own local arrangements for drying the men's wet clothing and providing the men with hot baths when they come off duty.

"In the cafes of towns and villages, light wine, beer and coffee, but no spirits may be consumed.

"The men are entertained by radio programmes from receiving sets specially provided by the Provost-Marshal. — Reuter.

SCOTTISH COAST ALARMS: NO RAID

London, To-day.

It is officially announced that a number of aircraft believed to be German attempted to make reconnaissances in the Firth of Forth area yesterday morning and in the early afternoon.

R.A.F. fighters took off to intercept them, but they disappeared before contact was established.

Air raid warnings sounded in Edinburgh shortly after 11 a.m. and extended to Dundee.

All clear signals were given about mid-day but a second warning was given in Edinburgh some minutes later on the appearance of other unidentified aircraft in the Firth of Forth area.

No raid developed. The all clear signal was given about 1.15 p.m. — Reuter.

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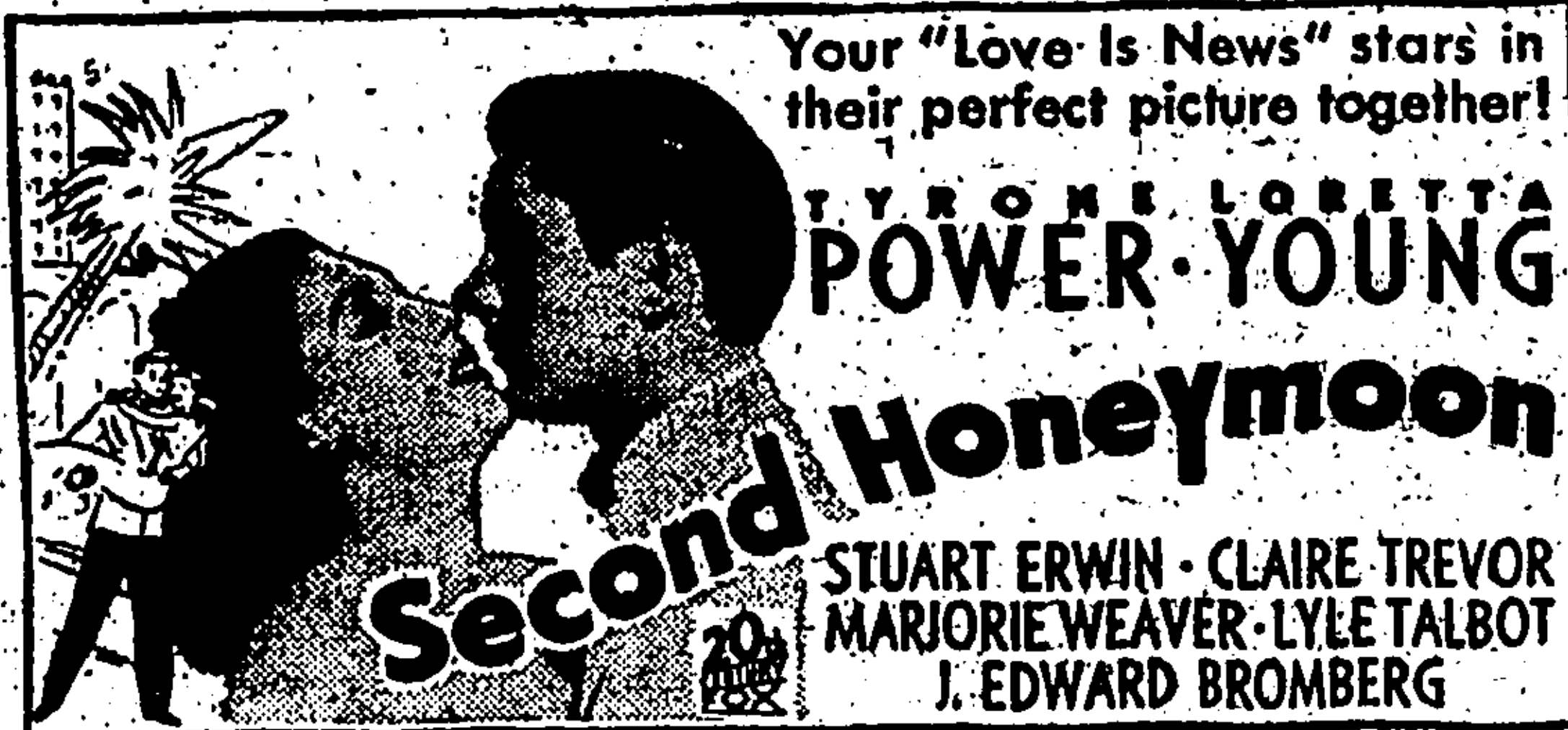
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GERMAN PRISONERS GET EGGS AND BACON

In a four-storey converted factory on the fringe of moorland country more than fifty German prisoners of war had two eggs and three rashers of bacon each for breakfast, writes a reporter.

Wearing grey and blue polo sweaters and grey flannels, they wake at 6 a.m., and line up for sick parade an hour afterwards. Inside the factory, which is ringed by barbed wire and guarded by troops, the men stroll and talk in an exercise yard.

Girl workers in a nearby factory can see them from a hill about 300 yards away. Some of the girls have waved to the men. The prisoners, I was told, have thanked officers for treating them so well. They were surprised at the quality and quantity of food.

So far they have spent most of their time reading, writing, and exercising. Many of them want to work. Another batch of twenty prisoners, sent to the south of England, had a meal in an hotel before going on.

Adaptation of "April" for a German prisoner.

O to be in England
Now that war is here.

BERMUDA RAISES MOTOR-CAR BAN

Bermuda's ban on motor-cars has been raised for the duration of the war.

The Colony recently allowed its Governor, Sir Reginald Hildyard, to resign rather than allow him to import a motor-car.

The Assembly has now passed a bill authorising the present Governor, Major-Gen. Sir Denis Bernard, to allow cars of all types on Bermudan

WHITE RAJAH TO RETURN

Singapore, Oct. 8.

The White Rajah of Sarawak, Sir Charles Vyner Brooke, is expected to return to Sarawak within the next few weeks. He will resume the control of his state in British Borneo which, is at present in the hands of his 27-year-old nephew, A. W. Brooke, the Rajah Muda, or crown prince.

When he returns, he will be assisted for the first time by a general adviser, W. E. Pepys, of the Malayan civil service, who has left a similar post in Johore (Malay States) to supervise the administration work in Sarawak.

The appointment followed recent changes in the Sarawak government when a number of high civil servants resigned because of differences concerning policy. The appointment will leave the Rajah free to continue his close association with the natives of the state and marks a return to the "Brooke tradition."

Broadcasting in Dyak (a Borneo language), Chinese, Malay and English has begun from Sarawak as part of the state's emergency plans. Opening the service, the Rajah Muda stated that for the time being the broadcasting service would be confined to announcements regarding defence and food control, and mentioned the possibilities of radio as an instrument of government policy in the remote areas of the state.

roads as long as hostilities last. Opposition to motor traffic has been based on the theory that it would quickly spoil much of the island's charm.

Another Bermudan tradition which appears to be threatened is that of not letting women vote. Under the Emergency Powers Act, passed since the war started the Governor has power to grant female suffrage.

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ON THE WESTERN FRONT

OPERATIONS RESTRICTED BY THE RAIN

Paris, To-day.
OPERATIONS ON THE Western Front continue to be restricted by rain, and both sides are reinforcing their positions with barbed wire. The Germans have made some ridiculous statements concerning their casualties and prisoners. French military observers point out that the proportion of wounded to dead is contrary to all experience of modern warfare.

During September, the French brought down 28 planes. This figure, it is pointed out, refers only to those German planes which came down in French territory and whose fate is established.

The French are still far in advance of the Maginot Line and have suffered few losses.

It is now revealed that the French actually withdrew from their most advanced positions over a week before the Germans realised that they were facing almost empty lines.

Patrols and small raids helped to maintain the illusion.—Reuter.

"PRISONERS TAKEN"

Paris, To-day.
The latest communique states: there has been patrol and reconnaissance activity between the Moselle and the Saar.

We made a few prisoners. There has been local artillery activity in the same region.

All is quiet generally on the front east of the Saar.—Reuter.

"NO SPECIAL EVENTS"

Berlin, To-day.
A German communique states that the Western Front is quiet again, now that activities south of Saarbrücken are ended.

Apart from local artillery fire and reconnaissance activity there have been no special events along the whole front.—Reuter.

AIR CADET BOYS WITH R.A.F.

Boys of the Air Cadet Defence Corps are already carrying out station duties with the Royal Air Force. A unit in the London area has sent a detachment to a certain aerodrome at the request of the station commander.

The cadets are acting as despatch riders. Elsewhere they are assisting at the balloon barrage.

Members of the corps are ready to man the whole of the local A.R.P. communication system day and night if need should arise, and successful tests have already been made of their efficiency.

Five tons of scrap R.A.F. equipment have been sent to the Central Depot for use in training.

"Carry on" is the watchword of the Cadet Corps in the present emergency, and is the theme of a communication sent to all members of committees and to squadron commanders by the Secretary-General of the Air League.

Mr. R. A. Brabner, the new M.P. for Hythe and Folkestone, and Mr. Noël Coward have joined No. 99 (1st Cinque Ports) Air Defence Cadet Squadron Committee.



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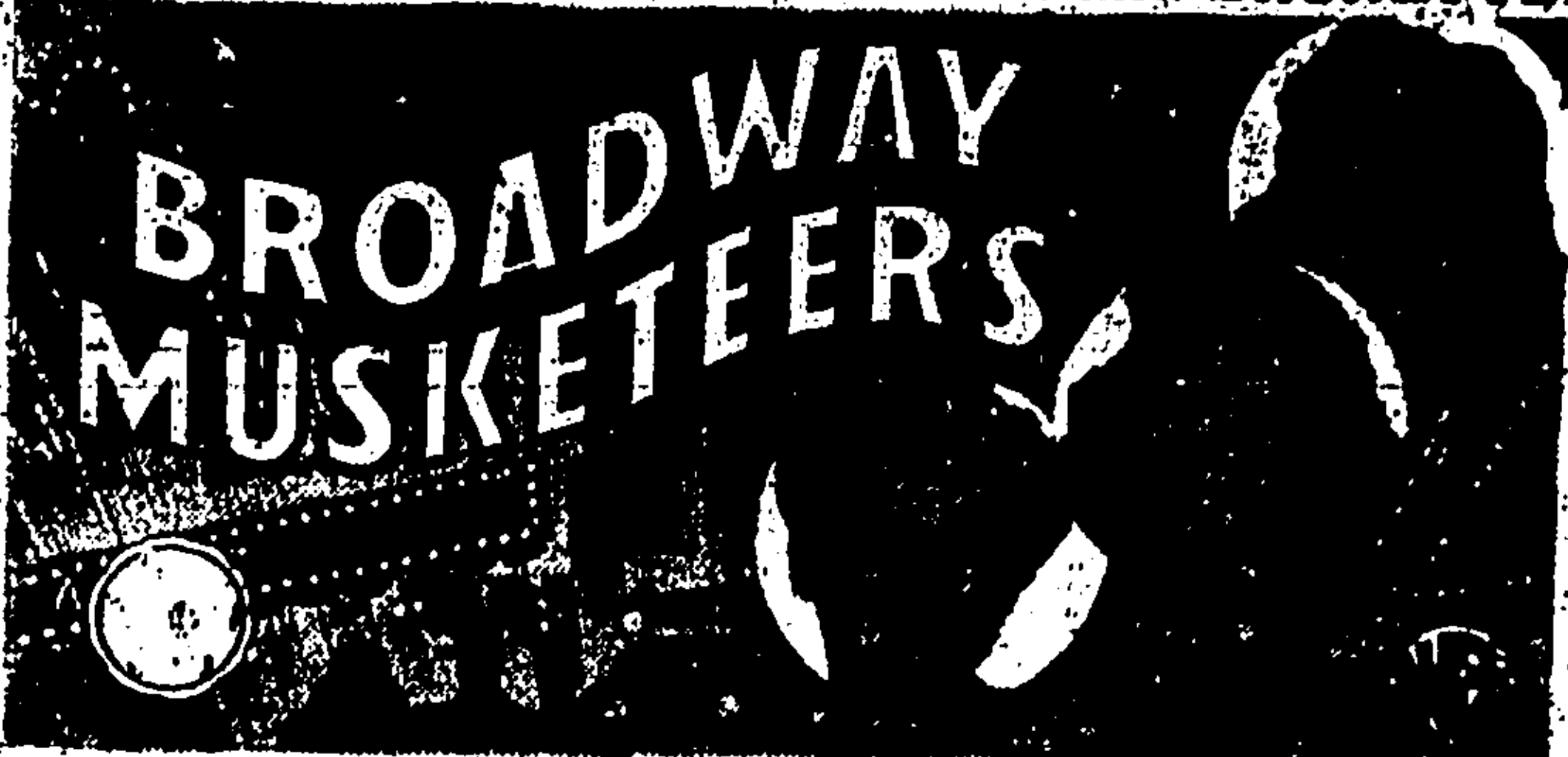
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LITHUANIA- VILNA MYSTERY

Stockholm, To-day.
It is reliably reported that there has been an unexpected delay in the Soviet Government's cession to Lithuania of territory, including Vilna, which was handed over on October 17 in accordance with the Soviet-Lithuanian treaty.
Concern is felt in Baltic countries at reports that the Russians have been arresting Lithuanian leaders at Vilna and have started removing Government and private property from Vilna to Russia.—Reuter.

CLEARING POLES OUT OF GDYNIA

London, To-day.
The evacuation of Poles from Gdynia has already begun and Germany expects that the transfer will be completed within three years.
The German Government announces that it will give no compensation to the dispossessed Poles but will leave this to any Polish government which may be formed in the future under German supervision.
Three German ships arrived in Gdynia to-day with evacuees from Estonia and more are expected.—Reuter.

U-BOAT LOSSES ON SCALE ALARMING TO BERLIN: FIGHTING AGAINST TIME

London, To-day.

IT MUST BE REALISED that the sinking of German U-boats as revealed by British B.B.C. announcements of the names of survivors, constitute only a fraction of the total number destroyed since in the great majority of cases where the submarine is sunk in war, all aboard are unavoidably lost.

The announcements may be an unpleasant shock for the Germans since Berlin has never yet admitted any U-boat losses and in spite of the 600,000 S.S. men admitted by Germany as being employed in such duties as spying on the people listening-in to British broadcasts, these broadcasts undoubtedly reach the German people.

Even more disastrous to Germany than the loss to date of perhaps as much as a third of her submarine fleet is the loss of trained crews since these cannot be replaced quickly and Germany is fighting against time.

Neutrals now see the losses of the Courageous and the Royal Oak in their true proportions.

The "New York Sun" brings a breath of common sense into an atmosphere rendered turgid by wild German mis-statements and points out that the loss of the Royal Oak does not mean that that German U-boats are now about to annihilate or even seriously cripple the Royal Navy.

Since the present war started German submarines have been sunk by their British adversaries at a rate which must be causing alarm even in the most optimistic Berlin quarters.—Reuter.

NOT BEYOND THE PROPAGANDA

London, To-day.

The "New York Herald-Tribune" in a leading article, says that the Germans have already, with their Propaganda Ministry, but not yet with their naval and air forces, broken the British grip on the North Sea.

On the British side the destruction of seven German submarines in one week is far beyond the greatest achievement of World War times.

It is punishment which no submarine fleet can permanently withstand and which implies that British anti-submarine devices are working with the utmost effect.

In reference to the Rosyth and Scapa raids, the paper continues: "Mr. Chamberlain puts the German losses on both days at eight planes out of an estimated 30.

"This is an appalling death-rate to ask to face consistently and is out of all proportion to the gains made."

NO THREAT

The "Boston Herald," also on October 19 said that the German raid on the British fleet did not threaten the supremacy of Britain as a sea power. No British ships were sunk and the damage to the few hit by bombs is in no case irreparable.

If this is what the Germans regard as totalitarian war the British may feel comfortably secure.—Reuter.

TO BE ENFORCED IN JANUARY

Melbourne, To-day.

The Prime Minister, Mr. R. G. Menzies, has announced that the introduction of compulsory military service training will operate from January for single men who would be 21 by next July. This would be applied for home service only, unless the men volunteer for overseas service.—Reuter.

RATIFY TREATY NAZIS AND REDS

London, To-day.

On Thursday night, Germany and Russia ratified the treaty signed on September 28 defining their respective "spheres of interest" in Poland.—Reuter.

BRITISH HOLD-UP OF U.S. MAILS

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE, MR. CORDELL HULL, HAS STATED THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS CONSIDERING WHETHER TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS TO BRITAIN THE CONNECTION WITH REPORTS THAT SOME SHIPS, CARRYING AMERICAN MAIL ADDRESSED TO GERMANY, HAVE BEEN STOPPED BY THE BRITISH NAVY, AND THE MAIL CENSORED AND RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES.

Post Office officials had earlier stated that they are now routing all mail for Germany via Italy in the hope of evading the British blockade.

State Department officials recall that British seizures of American mail led to an Anglo-American exchange of notes in the World War.—Reuter.

NEUTRALITY ACT CLAUSE APPROVED

Washington, To-day.

Democrat members of the Senate have agreed on amendments to the Neutrality Bill by which American ships will be able to use belligerent ports considered beyond the "zone of war," including ports in the Pacific and Indian Oceans, Bay of Bengal, Arabian Sea and Atlantic ports south of 30 deg. N. They can carry anything but armaments.

European and Mediterranean ports will be excluded and the President will have the power to close any port deemed to be in the "area of combat."

American aircraft will operate in all ports of the Western Hemisphere.—Reuter.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE LESSON SERMON

Subject: "Probation
After Death"

The subject of the Lesson Sermon in all Christian Science Churches tomorrow, October 22nd will be "Probation after Death."

The Golden Text will be:—"Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him." (Jas. 1:12)

Among others the following citations will be read from the Bible:—"What think I am afraid, I will trust in thee. In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me. Hear the Word of the Lord, ye children of Israel. I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death." (Ps. 56: 3, 4; Hos. 4: 1; Hos. 13: 14)

The following citations will also be read from the Christian Science Textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy:—"If it is true that man lives, this fact can never change in Science to the opposite belief that man dies. Life is the law of Soul, even the law of the spirit of Truth, and Soul is never without its representative. Man's individual being can no more die nor disappear in unconsciousness than can Soul, for both are immortal. Death is but another phase of the dream that existence can be material. Nothing can interfere with the harmony of being nor end the existence of man in Science." (Page 427)

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H.K., Friday 20th Oct., 1939.
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Commandant, H.K. Volunteer Defence Corps.

Orderly Medical Officer
Friday 27th October. H.Q. 5.30 p.m.
Lieut. E. W. Stout.

Appointment
Extract from Government Gazette
No. 67 dated 13.10.39.

"His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve the following appointment in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from 19th September, 1939:—
Mr. John Patrick Sherry to be temporarily Captain. 13th October, 1939."

Promotion
Extract from Government Gazette
No. 67 dated 13.10.39.

"His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve the following promotion in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from 29th September, 1939:—
Sergeant David Lamb Prophet to be Second Lieutenant. 13th October, 1939."

Resignation of Commission
Extract from Government Gazette
No. 67 dated 13.10.39.

"His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve that Colonel Lennox Godfrey Bird, D.S.O., O.B.E., be allowed to resign his Commission in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from 28th September, 1939.

Volunteer Ordinance Amendment
The attention of all ranks is invited to an amendment to the Volunteer Ordinance No. 10 of 1933 which was published in the Government Gazette No. 68 dated 18.10.39.

Qualification—Gas Instructors
The under-mentioned qualified in a Corps Gas Instructors' Course completed on Wednesday 11th October.

2nd Battery—Sgt. A. A. Andrews, Gnr. J. H. B. Lee.
Corps Signals—Sgt. J. J. King, Sgt. R. Rathmell.

No. 2 Company—2/Lt. D. L. Prophet, A/Cpl. E. W. Coulson, L/Cpl. F. Hillon.

No. 4 Company—L/Cpl. H. S. Lo, Pte. S. H. Wong.
R.O.D.C.—Sgt. Pun Chi Fan, Cpl. S. P. de Loberson.

Qualification—Rangetakers
The following qualified at an examination of Rangetakers held at Belchers on 9.10.39.

2nd Bty.—Gnr. E. F. A. Morgan.
3rd Bty.—Gnr. H. A. Souza.

Corps—Diary—Amendment
Corps Diary 1939-40. Page 6. Oct. 22nd Sunday. Delete "Stonecutters M.G. Pt. II—Mobile Column."

Telephone
The telephone number of the Quartermaster's Office and Stores has been changed from 39-213 to 33663. (Civil line).

Recruits Special Class
Monday 23rd Oct. and Wednesday 25th Oct. H.Q. 5.15 p.m. M.G. training.

PARADE

1st Battery:

Gun Detachments
Tuesday 24th Oct. Belchers. 5.45 p.m. No. 1 and No. 2 Detachments and all layers. Gun drill and layers class. Dress—S.D. caps, shirts, shorts and gun platform shoes.

Friday 27th Oct. Belchers. 5.45 p.m. No. 3 and No. 4 Detachments and all layers. Gun drill and layers class. Dress—S.D. caps, shirts, shorts and gun platform shoes.

D.E.L. Personnel
Wednesday 25th Oct. 5.30 p.m. Wellington Barracks. Mobile light training. Dress—Overalls.

Lewis Gun Detachment
Thursday 26th Oct. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. L.G. instruction. Dress—overalls.

N.C.O.'s
Monday 23rd Oct. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. All N.C.O.'s. Dress—Overalls.

Clothing
Thursday 26th Oct. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. All members not yet fitted with uniform.

2nd Battery:
Classes For Layers, Rangetakers & A.A.L.M.G.

Monday 23rd Oct. Scandal Point. 5.30 p.m. Those detailed to attend. Gun Drill For Detachment Comdrs.

Tuesday 24th Oct. Scandal Point. 5.30 p.m. All N.C.O.'s. Gun Detachments.

Wednesday 25th Oct. Scandal Point. 5.30 p.m. No. 2 Gun.

Thursday 26th Oct. Scandal Point. 5.30 p.m. No. 1 Gun.

D.E.L. Detachment
Wednesday 25th Oct. Scandal Point. 5.30 p.m. A.A.L.M.G. instruction. Dress—Overalls and S.D. caps.

Uniform
Tuesday 24th Oct. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Fitting of uniform and respirators.

3rd Battery:

Gun Detachments
Monday 23rd Oct. and Thursday 26th Oct. Belchers. 5.30 p.m. Dress—Overalls, S.D. caps and G.P. shoes.

Range-Finders
Monday 23rd Oct. and Thursday 26th Oct. Belchers. 5.30 p.m. Dress—Overalls, S.D. caps and G.P. shoes. It is essential that all those who failed to pass the examination attend both these parades.

Sundays 22nd and 29th Oct. Belchers. 10 a.m. Those detailed.

Lewis Gun Squad
Monday 23rd Oct. H.Q. 5.15 p.m. Dress—Overalls, S.D. caps and G.P. shoes.

Wednesday 25th Oct. H.Q. 5 p.m. for Kennedy Road Range. Dress—S.D. caps, K.D. shirts, K.D. trousers, webbing belts, boots.

D.E.L. Personnel
Friday 27th Oct. Wellington Barracks. 5.30 p.m. Dress—Overalls and S.D. caps.

Telephonists Course
Monday 23rd Oct. Belchers. 5.30 p.m. Dress—Overalls and S.D. caps.

Layers Course
Thursday 26th Oct. Belchers. 5.30 p.m. Dress—Overalls and S.D. caps.

4th Battery:
Wednesday 25th Oct. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. L.G. Personnel.

Thursday 26th Oct. Queen's Pier. 5.45 p.m. for Pakshawan. Returning 8 p.m. approx. D.E.L. Personnel. Dress—Overalls, S.D. caps.

Friday 27th Oct. No parade.
5th (Anti-Aircraft) Battery

Saturday 21st Oct. Queen's Pier. 2.15 p.m. No. 1 Section.

Sunday 22nd Oct. Queen's Pier. 9.15 a.m. No. 2 Section and all N.C.O.s.

Monday 23rd Oct. Queen's Pier. 5.15 p.m. No. 1 Section.

Tuesday 24th Oct. Queen's Pier. 5.15 p.m. No. 2 Section and all N.C.O.s.

Wednesday 25th Oct. Queen's Pier. 5.15 p.m. No. 1 Section.

Friday 27th Oct. Queen's Pier. 5.15 p.m. No. 2 Section and all N.C.O.s.

Saturday 28th Oct. Queen's Pier. 2.15 p.m. No. 2 Section.

Sunday 29th Oct. Queen's Pier. 9.15 a.m. No. 1 Section.

Field Company Engineers
Monday 23rd Oct. K.C.R. 5.30 p.m. Arms drill.

Thursday 26th Oct. K.C.R. 5.30 p.m. Class A, Field fortification. Class B, wiring. Class C, demolition.

Corps Signals
Week-end 21st and 22nd October. (i) Line detachment as detailed for maintenance duties (ii) D/R detachment as per roster.

Monday 23rd Oct. H.Q. 5.15 p.m. Signal training in detachments.

Wednesday 25th Oct. H.Q. 5.15 p.m. N.C.O.'s meeting. Line detachments only.

Friday 27th Oct. H.Q. 5.15 p.m. (i) Line Detachments. Preparation of stores for Signal Exercise. (ii) D/R detachment. Cleaning and check of motor cycles and quarterly report.

Armoured Car Platoon
Monday 23rd Oct. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Revolver.

Friday 27th Oct. (i) Those detailed. Hung Hom Railway Depot. 5.30 p.m. Driving instruction. (ii) Remainder. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. H.G. recapitulation.

Motor Machine Gun Platoon
Monday 23rd Oct. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Compulsory parade (i) A Class. T.O.E.G.D. Mechanism, 1st heading. (ii) B Class. Stripping, cleaning and assembling and Points B.D.A. (iii) C Class. E.G.D. (iv) Multi, but Corps boots must be worn.

Friday 27th Oct. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. (i) A Class. Mechanism, 2nd and 3rd headings. (ii) B Class. Action and cease firing. (iii) C Class. General description of gun and tripod.

No. 1 Company
Nos. 1 & 2 Platoon

Tuesday 24th Oct. and Friday 27th Oct. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. As Company programme.

No. 4 (Troop) Platoon
Tuesday 24th Oct. (i) Recruits Class. H.Q. 5.15 p.m. for Kennedy Road. (ii) Remainder. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Mechanism repairs and adjustments.

Friday 27th Oct. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. M.G. training.

No. 2 Company
Wednesday 25th Oct. and Thursday 26th Oct. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. No. 1 and No. 2 Platoon. M.G. instruction.

Friday 27th Oct. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. M.G. training.

Tuesday 24th Oct. and Thursday 26th Oct. Bowloon Dock. 5.30 p.m. No. 1 Platoon. L.G. & Rifle training as per programme.

Sunday 29th Oct. Stonecutters. M.G. Part II.

No. 3 Company
Monday 23rd Oct. and Thursday 26th Oct. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. M.G. and L.G. training as in training programme.

Sunday 29th Oct. Peak Range. Table A. Those detailed.

No. 4 Company
Sunday 22nd Oct. Peak Range. 9.30 a.m. Recruits. Complete Rifle Table A. Tickets for Peak Tram to be obtained at H.Q. before 9.00 a.m.

Tuesday 24th Oct. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. N.C.O.'s Class. Lecture. Map reading.

Wednesday 25th Oct. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. N.C.O.'s. C Class. L.G. instruction. Those detailed musketry.

Friday 27th Oct. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Company parade. L.G. instruction. Repeat Lesson 4.

Sunday 29th Oct. Kennedy Road Range. 9.30 a.m. Musketry. Those detailed.

No. 5 Company
Tuesday 24th Oct. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. (i) Class A. Sand Table lecture on "General considerations in the Occupation of positions, Occupation of a direct fire position and Occupation of an indirect fire position (ii) Class B. E.G.D. (iii) Class C. I.A. (Continued).

No. 6 Company
Tuesday 24th Oct. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. (i) N.C.O.'s. as detailed. Special Class. (ii) Trained men. L.G. instructions (Continued). (iii) Recruits. L.G. elementary handling, Duties of Nos. 1 and 2. Take post, Action and Cease Fire.

Thursday 26th Oct. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. (i) N.C.O.'s. as detailed. Special class. (ii) Trained men. L.G. instruction (continued). (iii) Recruits. I.A. 1st & 2nd position stoppages.

No. 7 Company
Monday 23rd Oct. H.Q. 5.45 p.m. No. 1 Platoon. L.G. instruction. No. 2 Platoon. Musketry.

Thursday 26th Oct. H.Q. 5.45 p.m. No. 1 Platoon. Musketry. No. 2 Platoon. L.G. instruction.

Air Arm
Sunday 22nd Oct. Kai Tak. 9.30 a.m. Flying parade.

Monday 23rd Oct. Kai Tak. 6.00 p.m. Lecture.

Saturday 28th Oct. and Sunday 29th Oct. No flying.

Army Service Corps Company
Sunday 22nd Oct. (i) Transport Section. Jordan Road Ferry, Yaumati. 9 a.m. Transport exercise. (ii) Supply Section. B Squad. R.A.S.C. Compound, Queen's Road, 9.30 a.m.

Tuesday 24th Oct. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Recruits.

Thursday 26th Oct. R.A.S.C. Compound. Queen's Road. 5.30 p.m. Supply Section, A Squad.

Field Ambulance
Wednesday 25th Oct. and Friday 27th Oct. Field Ambulance Parade Ground. 5.30 p.m. Dress as for last drill.

Pay Section
Friday 27th Oct. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Corps Orders—Amendment / Corps Orders No. 41/39 dated 13.10.39.

(i) Para. 8. Leave. Delete the name of "3169 Pte. D.B. Nelson, No. 1 Company."

(ii) Para. 10. Transfers. Delete the following names:—"2426 Gnr. M. F. Houghton" 1172 Pte. A. Garcia."

Appointment & Promotions
Sgt. A. Steven, Field Amb. to be C.Q.M.S. 17.10.39.

Cpl. R. Leigh, Field Amb. to be Sergt. 17.10.39.

Cpl. D. Walker, Field Amb. to be Sergt. 18.10.39.

Cpl. T. S. Clark, Field Amb. to be Sergt. 19.10.39.

Cpl. A. Foster, Field Amb. to be Sergt. 20.10.39.

L/Cpl. A. H. R. Butcher, No. 4 Coy. to be A/Sgt. 20.10.39.

Transfers
Pte. B. I. Bosanquet from No. 1 Coy., No. 4 (Troop) Pl. to 5th A.A. Bty. 29.9.39.

Gnr. L. Blair from 1st Bty. to Unit Res. 20.10.39.

Sigmn. H. J. Fountain from Corps Signal Reserve to Corps Signals. 20.10.39.

Cpl. W. Elliott from Field Amb. to Unit Res. 20.10.39.

L/Cpl. A. H. R. Butcher from No. 1 Coy. to No. 4 Coy. 20.10.39.

Leave
Pte. R. Morrison, No. 2 Coy. 19.10.39—31.10.39.

Pte. V. E. Ferrier, A.S.C. Coy. 24.10.39—27.10.39.

Pte. A. J. Edgar, A.S.C. Coy. 24.10.39—30.11.39.

Pte. A. C. Ellis, Corps H.Q. 1.11.39—22.11.39.

Gnr. T. K. Chung, 4th Bty. 31.10.39—15.11.39.

Strength—Decrease
Pte. Nelson Tom, No. 4 Coy.—11.10.39.

Gnr. Wong Hawk Lop, 5th A.A. Bty.—19.10.39.

Gnr. S. R. Kerr, 2nd Bty.—20.10.39.

Strength—Increase
Pte. A. K. Rumjahn, Field Amb.—13.10.39.

Pte. N. Morgenstern, A. S. C. Coy.—15.10.39.

Gnr. N. F. Tucker, 1st Bty.—1.10.39.

Gnr. W. H. Jowit, 2nd Bty.—16.10.39.

Gnr. M. G. O'Connor, 2nd Bty.—19.10.39.

Gnr. W. L. Cunningham, 5th A.A. Bty.—20.10.39.

Gnr. A. A. Elms, 5th A.A. Bty.—20.10.39.

S. W. THURSBY, Captain, Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps. (Continued on Page 14)

OFF THE RECORD

By Ed Reed



"Pa says as long as we're gonna slop he might as well get the business!"

Here's Luck

EWO BEER

FOOD PRICE CONTROL MODIFIED BY NEW ORDER: LIMITATION OF SCOPE

FOOD PRICE CONTROL in the Colony is subject to considerable modification as the result of a new Order issued by the Food Controller in the "Government Gazette," to-day.

The Order declares that the Order of the Controller of Food published as Government Notification No. 891 in the Gazette Extraordinary of 5th October, 1939, shall, until further notice, apply only to the following articles of food:—

1. Milk and milk products including butter, cheese, cream and ghee.
2. Frozen meat.
3. Bacon and ham.
4. The following tinned foods:—
Corned beef.
Pork and beans.
Salmon.
Sardines.
5. Rice.
6. Tea and coffee.
7. Wheat flour.
8. Bread.
9. Salt.
10. Margarine, Lard and other oils and fats used for food.
11. Rolled oats and oatmeal.

The Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce has supplied the following explanatory notes with regard to the foregoing notification:—

It has been decided to restrict control, in the main, to essential items of food, as set forth in the list now published in the Gazette. It is considered unnecessary to control articles which are in the nature of luxuries because the public can exercise price control for themselves by refraining from purchase and by using substitutes. In place of tinned fruit and vegetables, for instance, local supplies can be used. Alcoholic liquors are also now uncontrolled.

The tinned foods mentioned in the controlled list are those which are in the greatest demand. "Sardines" refers not so much to the luxury article used for hors d'oeuvres as to an article bearing the trade name of "Californian Sardines," a comestible in great demand amongst the Chinese.

BREAD PRICES

Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., report that existing arrangements for supplies of flour are likely to make unnecessary any alteration in the price of bread for the next five months.

Large stocks of flour have accumulated in Hong Kong on account of reduced off-take caused by hostilities in China and the discharge here of flour which could not be landed in Tientsin because of the floods. For some months before the outbreak of the European war flour merchants were selling at a loss.

The rule is retained that the maximum retail price for the controlled goods imported from overseas shall be fifteen per cent above the August price if the goods come from Canada or any foreign country, and ten per cent above the August price if the goods come from any British Empire country except Canada.

LANDED COSTS

But if it is shown that landed costs of any of these articles have increased to such an extent that the permitted "percentage increase" would still leave the retailer to sell at a loss, the Prices Board will fix maximum retail prices for these articles and announce them in the Government Gazette. Later on, as landed costs rise further, the full adjusted maximum retail prices will be announced.

The Prices Board will always be prepared to consider representations from members of the public who may consider that the percentage increase at present permitted, or any other

maximum retail price which may be fixed, is excessive owing to change in circumstances and should be reduced.

The Chambers of Commerce are at present collecting evidence from merchants who desire to have maximum retail prices fixed. Retailers have found that a ten or fifteen per cent increase on August prices of certain goods would still leave them selling new stocks at a loss and consequently there has been a severe diminution of the regular stream of orders which, if not quickly corrected, will result in a shortage of supplies in the next few months.

PRICE-CUTTING

It is not generally realised by the public that in Hong Kong there are more retail provision stores than are necessary to meet requirements. The result has been severe price-cutting so that consumers have for years been at an advantage in their purchases from Chinese compradores. A large firm of importers writes:—

"In our opinion, any tendency to profiteer will be a temporary feature of the local market. The rise in price in the retail stores was a natural result of the following influences:—

"Consideration by retailers that replacements costs would be higher, and that behaved them to provide against this in their present prices. The majority are firms without capital.

"The advice, officially given to the public to accumulate a month's supply of foodstuffs led to unusually heavy purchases, and the bringing into operation of the law of supply and demand.

"Heavy purchases by the Government Medical Department accentuated this feature in respect of certain articles.

"The European population who were vocal in the Press probably do not realise that severe competition has hitherto given them supplies at little more than wholesale prices. What they thought profiteering, was nothing more than the taking (for the nonce) of a reasonable profit."

NAME-PLATES STOLEN

The brass name-plates of two European residents were taken off the doors of their residences yesterday by thieves.

They were Mrs. M. J. M. residing at No. 303, Nathan Road, and Mrs. V. Walden, residing at No. 187, Wan Chai Road.

NEW TERRITORY INQUIRY

The following official appointments etc. are gazetted:—

Hon. Mr. T. H. King has resumed duty as Commissioner of Police.

Mr. E. C. Luscombe to be an Assistant Superintendent of Police.

Mr. W. Woodward to be Waterworks Engineer. Comdr. T. C. Stiff to be Assistant Harbour Master.

Mr. G. S. Kennedy-Skipton appointed as Special Commissioner to inquire into the possibilities of agricultural extension in the Colony.

Mr. D. G. E. Middelburg recognized as being in charge of German interests in the Colony.

Exequatur empowering Mr. D. G. E. Middelburg to act as Consul for the Netherlands at H.K.

NO. 9 BUS DESTROYED BY FIRE

A No. 9 bus, which was on her way from Jordan Road Ferry to Un Long, caught fire and was completely destroyed on the Castle Peak Road, near the 15-milestone yesterday afternoon.

Fortunately, no passengers were injured.

So intense was the blaze that even the crankcase was completely burned and the glass became so hot that it melted and ran over the road.

When finally, it had burned itself out, only the chassis and part of the engine were left.

The cause of the fire is not known, but it is thought that a short circuit must have been responsible.

A fire appliance arrived when the bus was almost burned out.

Mr. T. Oda to be in charge of the Japanese Consulate-General.

Second Lieut. C. R. Stoddart resigned his commission in the H.K.V.D.C.

Capt. J. F. Wright resigned his commission in the H.K.V.D.C.

PEACE TALK DISMISSED AS TOKYO PROPAGANDA

Chungking, To-day.

"JAPANESE PROPAGANDA" is how well-informed Chinese circles here describe current rumours of a Chinese-Soviet military pact and the alleged concentrations of Soviet troops in Sinkiang (Chinese Turkestan).

These rumours are alleged to have been carefully engineered by the Japanese in order to influence British policy in the Far East.

These circles declare that the reports are cleverly timed, being issued both immediately before and immediately after the arrival in Chungking of the British Ambassador, Sir Archibald Clark Kerr.

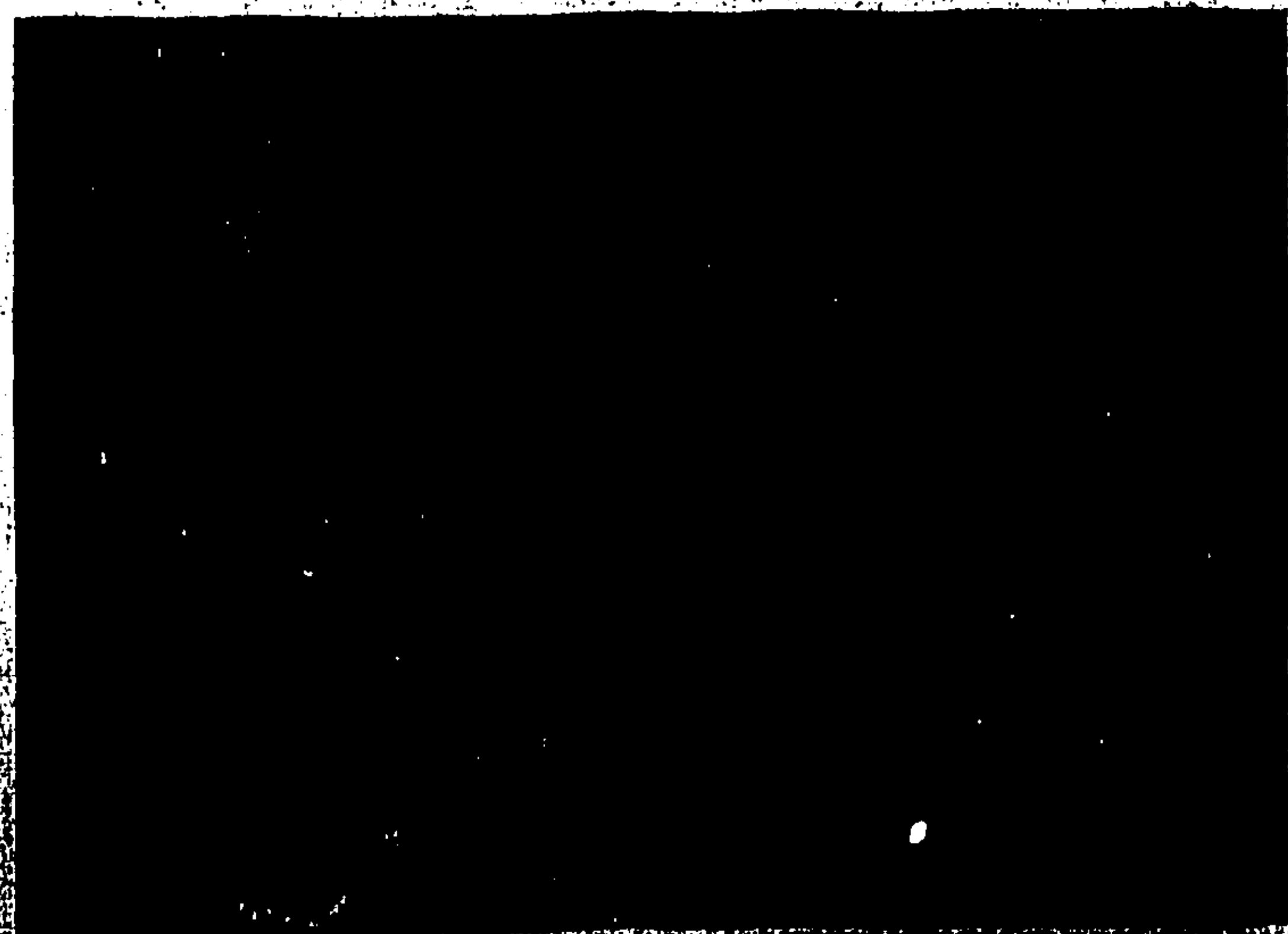
"It is interesting to observe," they continue, "that Japanese sources are also circulating rumours to the effect that the British Ambassador is urging the peaceful settlement of the Sino-Japanese dispute which is the ultimate objective of such Japanese propaganda.

"After failing to induce Britain to act as mediator, and unable to force China to conclude a peace with Japan, the Japanese Government is now seeking to alarm Britain by deliberately circulating rumours of the imminent Soviet domination of China.

JAPANESE GAME

"The Japanese are therefore circulating rumours of the imminent conclusion of a Sino-Soviet military pact and are saying that Soviet troops are being concentrated in Sinkiang in order to exert pressure on China to accept Soviet demands.

"The Japanese hope in this manner to create such a state of alarm over Soviet expansion in China that the British Ambassador, in his conversations with Chinese Government leaders in Chungking, may exert pressure on the Chinese Government to conclude peace with Japan, thus removing possible danger of Soviet domination of China."—Reuter.



THE TRIPLE ALLIANCE

Most Important Event Since Outbreak Of War

SEVERE BLOW TO GERMANY IN THE BALKANS

London, To-day.

THE CONSENSUS of the world's press on the Anglo-Franco-Turkish pact is that it is the most important event since the outbreak of the war and an important factor leading towards the final victory of the Allies.

Its importance can be judged not only by the impression in neutral countries but also by the annoyance caused in Nazi circles.

Herr von Papen is on his way back to Berlin from Istanbul and a Netherlands correspondent in Berlin says that the German Ambassador to Moscow has also been summoned home to explain the suspension of the Soviet-Turkish talks.

Other neutral correspondents say that as late as a couple of days before the signing of the pact Germany had relied on Turkey breaking with the Western Powers and linking up with Soviet Russia.

Neutral observers point to the significance of the fact that Turkey's relations with Russia remain as cordial as ever, and this is further shown in an exchange of telegrams on Thursday night between M. Sarajoglu, Turkish Foreign Minister, and M. Molotov, Soviet Foreign Commissar.

GERMANY'S LOSS

The Paris papers point to Turkey's loyalty as proof that honour among nations can still be relied on in international conduct, while "Le Temps" says that Germany has lost all hope of obtaining in the Balkans and Near East any measurable compensation for her sacrifices to Soviet Russia in eastern and north-eastern Europe.

News of the pact has been suppressed in Germany. Yesterday morning's press instead gave prominence to the ratification of the Soviet-German pact.

Nazi circles are trying to gain some consolation from reports that the Turkish people are not behind the Turkish Government in the matter. The Turkish press gives the lie to this.

CURB TO AGGRESSORS

Typical is the editorial comment that the signature of the pact consecrates the aims of three peace-loving powers to curb the expansionist aims of rulers who disregard the rights of smaller nations.

Another comment is that history will always respect the names of those who signed the Anglo-Franco-Turkish pact.

American reaction is typified by the comment of the "New York Times" that the Allies have made a substantial gain.

Netherlands papers take the same line, while one Swiss paper sees in

the pact a guarantee of peace in the Mediterranean; it is, therefore, of great importance to Switzerland.

NO ITALIAN ATTACK

The general absence of comment in the Italian press suggests some surprise at Germany's failure; there are no Italian press attacks on the pact.

Bulgaria and Hungary are less enthusiastic about it than Yugoslavia, Rumania and Greece.—Reuter.

TURKISH COMMENTS

Istanbul, To-day.

The signature of the Anglo-Franco-Turkish Pact is the only topic of conversation in Turkey and the newspapers devote the whole of their front pages exclusively to the news besides publishing photographs of King George, President Lebrun and President Inonu.

The accompanying commentaries give unstinted praise to Turkey's "wise determination to side boldly with the great Democracies who have undertaken a crusade against aggression." — Reuter.

HIGHER WAGES IN LANCASHIRE

London, To-day.

Three hundred and fifty thousand Lancashire cotton workers are to receive wage increases of approximately half a crown in the pound as the result of an agreement reached at Manchester conferences representing the spinning and manufacturing sections of the industry.

The agreements provide for a revision of wage rates next year, according as the cost of living rises or falls. — Reuter.

RUMANIA AND TURKEY

Istanbul, To-day.

M. Stolca, the Rumanian Ambassador, has arrived to confer with the Turkish Foreign Minister, M. Sarajoglu, concerning the Turkish-Soviet talks.

He is afterwards leaving for Bucharest to report to the Government.—Reuter.

CHEERING CROWDS GREET SARAJOGLU

ISTANBUL, TO-DAY. M. SARAJOGLU, THE TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER, ARRIVED HERE YESTERDAY FROM MOSCOW AND WAS MET BY CHEERING CROWDS.

He left last night for Ankara, where he will meet General Wavell, British commander-in-chief in the Near East, and General Weygand, French commander-in-chief in Syria and former Chief of Staff.

The Rumanian Minister to Turkey is also on his way to see M. Sarajoglu. — Reuter.

PRIZE WRIT IN COLONY

Pursuant to an order made by H.H. the Chief Justice on the 19th day of October, 1939; notice is given that a Writ has been issued and served in an action which has been instituted in the Supreme Court of Hong Kong in Prize by the Proper Officer of the Crown on behalf of the Crown against the owners and parties interested in the cargo specified below and for condemnation thereof. An appearance to the writ may be entered either personally or by solicitor at the Registry of the Supreme Court in Prize, Hong Kong, within thirty days from the date of this notice.

Name of Vessel: Part cargo ex S.S. Agamemnon.

ATTACK ON JUNK

Pirates attacked a fishing junk in Mirs Bay yesterday morning and later in the afternoon the master of the junk, Lau Kam-huen, 44, suffering from bullet wounds in the right side was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital.

The attack took place off Shang-chung, terminus of the Taipo-Shang-chung ferry service.

BROKE GAOL TOOK HIS MASK

Carrying his gas mask, a prisoner escaped in daylight recently from Wandsworth Gaol, S.W. Two women saw him drop over a wall and walk down a street.

The prisoner's name is given as Benjamin Cooper, aged about thirty. He was serving a sentence of two years. Walking as if he were out for a stroll, the man approached a traffic policeman. As the policeman turned the man jumped a fence into a nursery and disappeared. The alarm was given, and a large number of warders, joined by police, searched the nursery and the grounds of the Royal Victoria Patriotic School, which is on the other side of the main road.

Police hunting the prisoner found a gas mask which he apparently left behind.

Auxiliary firemen and special war reserve police also joined in the chase. A message was sent to Scotland Yard and police all over the Metropolitan area were instructed to look out for the man.

WHAT WOMEN SAW

The nursery was searched systematically, the warders walking through it like beaters.

Housewives were questioned, and buildings in the vicinity of the prison searched. Some of these were empty owing to the wartime evacuation, and it was thought he might have concealed himself there.

Two women were looking out of their bedroom windows in Alma-terrace, which adjoins the prison, when the man escaped.

Mrs. Tillman said:—"I was just looking out of my window when I saw a shortish man drop over the prison wall and walk down the street."

"He seemed to be in a hurry, but did not run. He was carrying an ordinary civilian gasmask, had a sack over one arm, and was wearing prison clothes."

"He walked right down the street past my house towards a policeman on point duty. When the man saw the policeman he broke into a stroll."

"I was astonished with the man's coolness, but before I could raise a shout the policeman turned round and the man jumped over the fence into the shrubbery and in a few moments had disappeared."

"The policeman ran up the street and raised the alarm at the prison."

CHINA AIR SERVICES

Kunming, To-day.

It is learned that the China National Aviation Corporation are planning to increase their service between Kunming and Hanoi and will probably run a bi-weekly service.

The fare from Kunming to Hanoi is being increased, but the fare from Hanoi to Chungking remains unchanged.—Reuter.

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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

THREAT TO FINLAND

With the mobilisation of the Finnish army and the evacuation of women, and children from three principal cities, Finland is putting herself in a position to defend herself should the present negotiations with Russia lead to hostilities. Up to the present the demands which the Soviet has made or is preparing to make have not yet been made public, but enough is known to show that present anxieties are justified. The entry of the United States into the matter with a demarche made to Moscow, expressing the hope to the Soviet Government that nothing will occur which may prejudice existing peaceful relations between the U.S.S.R. and Finland, together with similar representations by Denmark, Norway and Sweden is sufficient indication of the gravity of the situation. Washington has a very great respect for Finland, and invasion of that country would undoubtedly arouse the greatest possible indignation. How far that is likely to influence the Kremlin remains to be seen. The case of the Scandinavian countries is very different. They see in the threat to Finland a threat to themselves, and political observers are now asking themselves how far the Soviet intends to go with respect to them. There are attractive prizes to be wrested from both Norway and Sweden, particular the iron supplies of the latter which might prove of great assistance to Germany, and are not to be ignored even by Russia herself. In addition to that the whole of the Scandinavian peninsula under the domination of Russia would place that country in an overwhelmingly dominant position vis-a-vis of Germany, and would in fact make the Baltic a Russian sea. The price which Herr Hitler is paying for non-aggression on the part of Russia seems for the moment to be without end, and the only real gainer from the contract up to the present has been M. Stalin. It remains to be seen what the Scandinavian Powers will do in the event of a further threat to their independence, which must eventually if Finland is destroyed. That they would fight seems to be the most probable outcome of the present highly unsatisfactory position, and that they would be able to put up a hard fight seems more than likely. The demarche of the United States may have a decided moral effect upon the U.S.S.R., but it has to be remembered that the Kremlin is in a most advantageous position, and may be able to carry out its immediate intentions unless Finland, Norway and Sweden oppose a united front against the peril which threatens them.—N.C.D.N.

NO WEAKENING

It is not enough that we should carry out our pledge to Poland to assist her in the event of attack. We should also make it clear that if and when the nations gather round a conference table we back Poland's case on its merits. It would be disastrous if we successfully used our power to prevent the triumph of aggression, only to concede all that the aggressor wanted when it came to discussion.—News Chronicle.

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SAD SEARCHING

All the members of the British Commonwealth of Nations are agreed, as they were in 1914, to fight out, till victory in won, the battle against aggression.

The resources of a fifth of the world, on Field-Marshal Goering's estimate, are now devoted irrevocably to the overthrow of Nazism. That should cause sad searching of heart in German councils. If reason still exercises any sway there, it must find even more depressing the fact that the resolve of the Nations of the Empire was made in perfect freedom, and only in South Africa was there enough difference of opinion to require a vote. The leaders of Germany believed, or at least they told their people, that the British Empire would break into fragments under the menace of war. Their predecessors made the same prophecy in 1914. But Germans have since been instructed that the evolution of the Empire into self-governing States has destroyed any chance of united action, the virus of democracy has corrupted its strength. Now the German people must awake to discover that freedom has fortified the unity of the Commonwealth. They have proof enforced upon them that powerful, prosperous States in complete liberty to choose their own course are determined to join more closely together that they may achieve, in Gen. Smuts's words, "the destruction of Hitlerism and all that it implies." The choice pronounced the judgment of civilised mankind on Herr Hitler's rule.—Daily Telegraph.

BRITAIN'S POINT OF VIEW

There are some who say that the fate of European nations is no concern of ours, and that we should not look far beyond our own frontiers. But surely they forget that in failing to uphold the liberties of others, we run great risk of betraying the principle of liberty itself, and with it our own liberty and independence.

We have built up a society with values accepted not only in this country but in many other parts of the world. If we stand idly by and see these values set at naught, the security of all those things on which life itself depends is undermined.—Lord Halifax.

RIDDLE OF "MUSSOLINI SCHEME"

There is much talk of the possibility of Mussolini submitting a plan for the solution of European problems to the French and British Governments in the near future.

Although there is much ground for believing that such a plan has been drawn up by the Duce's advisers, no official information is available.—Aronson, Oslo.

"We disagree partly with Mr. Eugene Chen's article urging China to immediately enter the European War. — "We must not blindly plunge headlong into the European Conflict, but wait and watch the moves of the Soviet and America; after that we can consider which road to take."

"It is not that we are not confident that Britain and France have all the chances of a victory over Germany; we also fully confident that China will never go over to the German side and fight against Britain and France."

"The Chinese victory over Germany in the East would never mean a victory over Japan in the East. We must study the question of entering the war from all angles carefully before deciding what to do, and we can safely say that China will not follow Soviet Russia's example if the latter sides with Germany against Britain and France."—National Times, Hong Kong.

ITALY ANXIOUS OVER FATE OF BALKANS

Rome, Oct. 14.

IT WOULD BE WELL for Berlin to take into consideration Italy's new position in the Balkans, where she is assuming the role of defender of the neutrals, informed political quarters declared to-day.

As protector of the Danubian States, Italy one day might even be compelled to cross over to the camp of the Allies, they indicated.

In the face of rapid extension of Soviet influence in the northern and south-eastern regions of Europe, Italy found it necessary to initiate consultations with Germany to discuss the situation arising out of the spread of Bolshevik power, it was stated.

Rome, observers pointed out, was displeased with the turn of events since the sensational signature of the Soviet-German pact of non-aggression on August 23, a week prior to the outbreak of war.

ITALIANS RESENT TURNCOAT NAZIS

The Italian people, fed on Italo-German propaganda against the U.S.S.R. since the birth of the Anti-Comintern Pact, were hurt by the complete turnabout of the Nazi leaders and, furthermore, by the swift Sovietization of the Polish territories which fell to the Red Army.

While still ready to give the Reich moral support in relations with the Allies, Italy, the same observers added, was most concerned by the Soviet drive toward the Danubian Basin and into the Balkans.

In the present discussions with Germany, Italian negotiators were expected to draw Nazidom's attention to the delicate position of the Italian Government in south-eastern Europe. Well-informed circles stated that Italy would, if she were not already doing so, request Germany to persuade the U.S.S.R. to be satisfied with her present gains in the Baltic countries and Poland, and refrain from renewed activity in the Balkans.

Italy, the political quarters concluded, clearly showed her intention of maintaining her position in south-eastern Europe by viewing with favour the formation of a neutral bloc of Balkan Powers.

RED IMPERIALISM

Uncertainty prevails in Italian political quarters to-day as international developments cause a conflict of opinions in view of Soviet Russia's drive in the Baltic and Balkan regions.

German-Soviet partnership to the north causes the greatest concern here, where observers declare themselves convinced that Russia's aims in the Baltic States are essentially grounded in her imperialistic objectives further south, round the Dardanelles.

Moscow, political commentators stated tonight, was interested first in securing strategic bases against Germany in north-western Europe, to obtain a freer hand in the south-east.

Italy, they said, was coming to realize that she was now losing to the Reich and the U.S.S.R. strongholds that she herself could have gained in the economically rich Danubian basin and the Balkans. Moreover, Fascist quarters were highly impressed by the strong unfavourable reaction caused in Spain by Adolf Hitler's revolutionary new attitude toward Red Russia.

FRANCO SURPRISED

Generalissimo Francisco Franco, it was even said, voiced "surprise" in a message to the Italian Government over some articles in Italian newspapers favouring better relations with Communist Moscow.

High Italian political quarters here to-day showed a great deal of difference in opinion as regards latest European events. Some voiced disapproval of recent newspaper attacks against Soviet leaders. These circles, observers commented, obviously wished to avoid showing any united hostile front against the U.S.S.R. at this of all times, when a new Soviet Ambassador is about to leave Moscow for Rome. M. Goerlin, the envoy awaited here, it was pointed out, would bring with him credentials implying Soviet recognition of the Italian Empire, including Ethiopia and Albania. Have

EX-FOLLIES GIRL ON DRUG CHARGE

Four negro servants who had been cook, chauffeur and majds to Helen Lee Worthing in the days when she was famous on Broadway, came to her aid to save her from going to prison.

Miss Worthing, a former Follies girl, who married a negro doctor, pleaded guilty to forging a drug prescription.

Probation officers at the Hollywood courts revealed that the four former servants had offered to contribute £3



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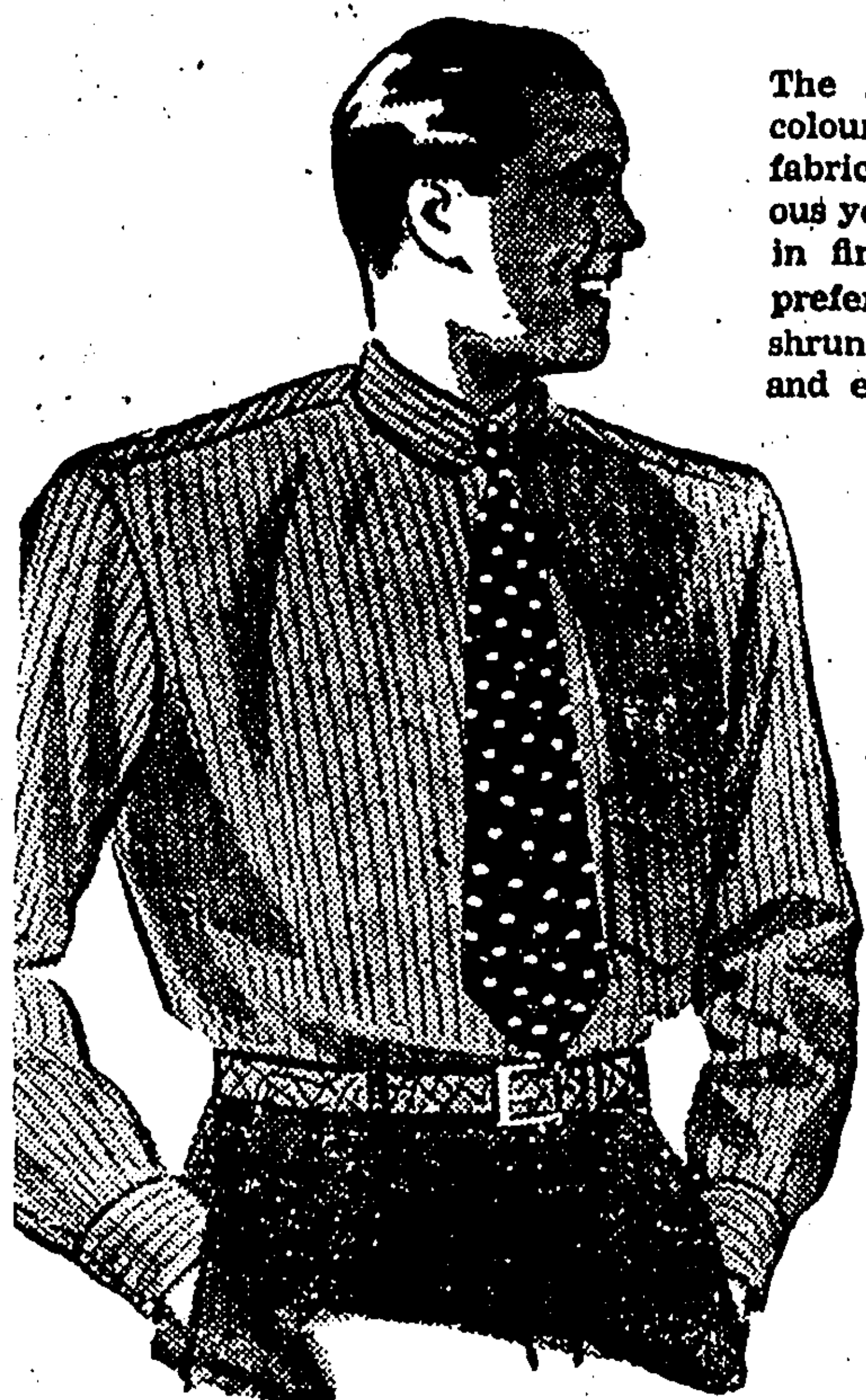
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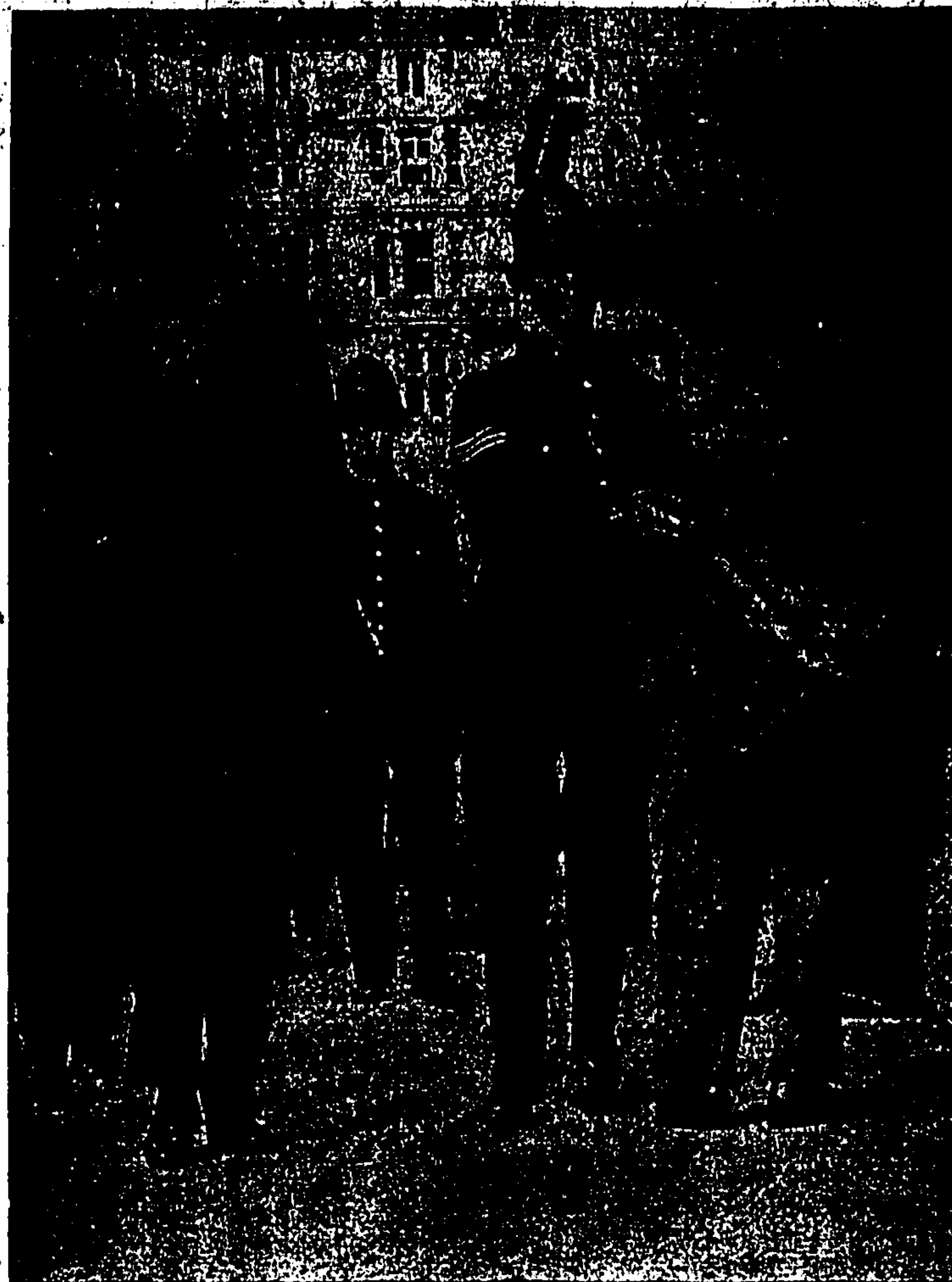
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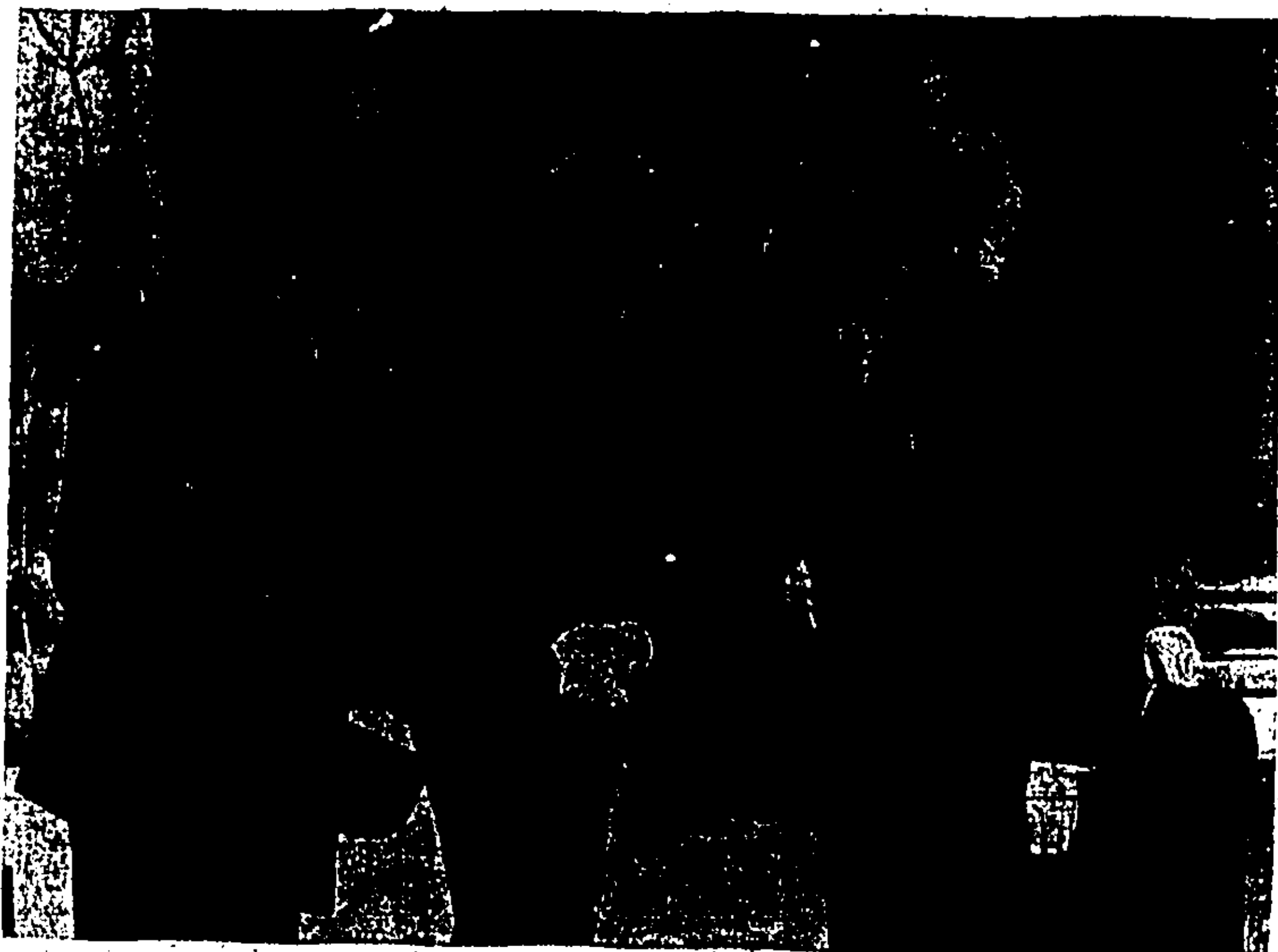
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His Majesty the King the other day made a tour of the War Office, Air Ministry, Admiralty and Home Office. Photo shows the King shaking hands with Lord Chatfield, when leaving the Home Office on Aug. 30. In background the Duke of Gloucester is shaking hands with Sir Kingsley Wood. (Copyright, Fox).

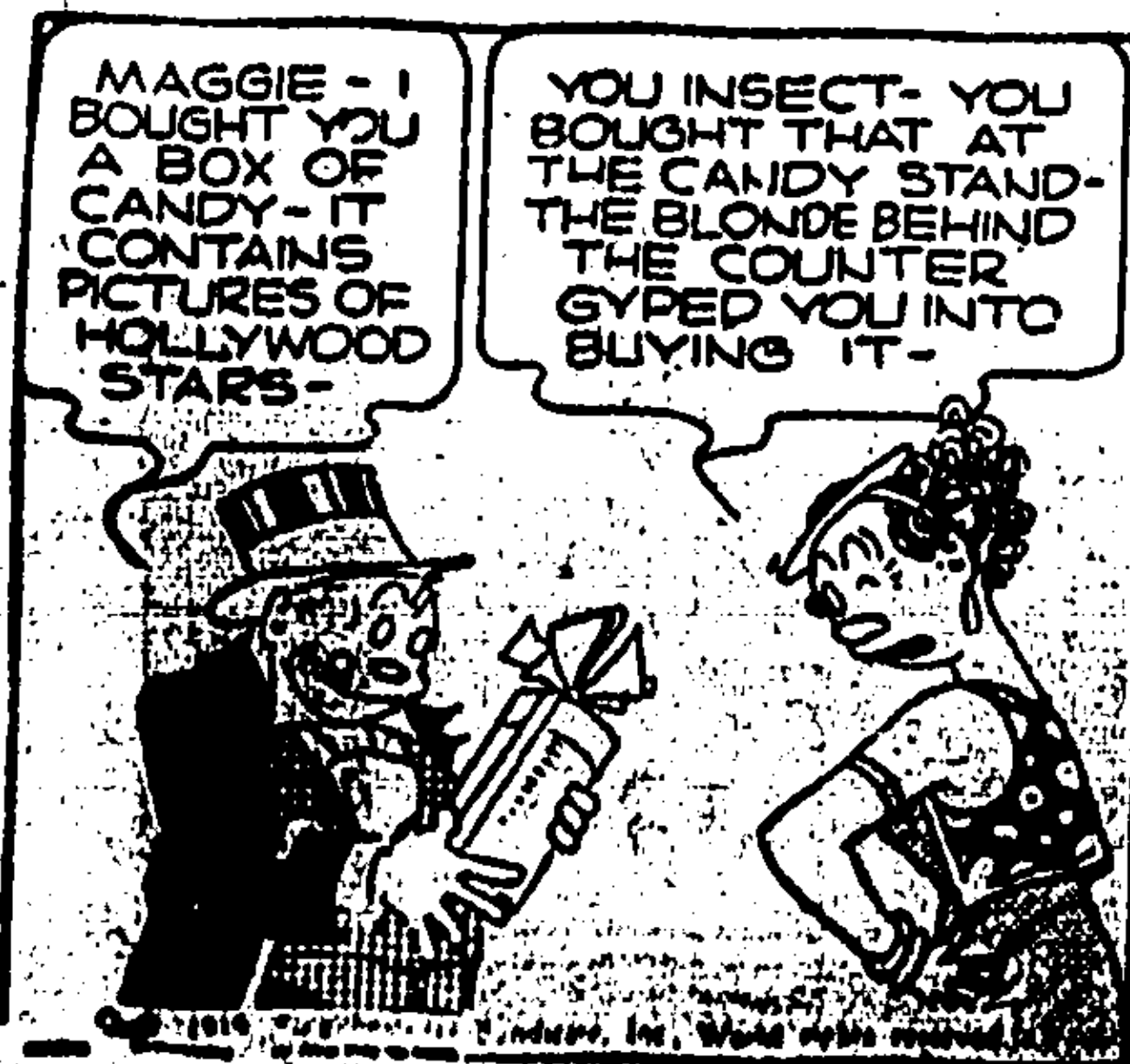
"THE LION HAS WINGS"

LONDON, TO-DAY.
ALEXANDER KORDA'S DOCUMENTARY FILM OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCE, "THE LION HAS WINGS," WAS SHOWN PRIVATELY TO SIR KINGSLEY WOOD, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR AIR, AND OFFICIALS OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION YESTERDAY.

The film includes the Prime Minister's broadcast announcement of the outbreak of war and a re-construction of the raid on Kiel, with the help of some of the men who took part in it. The "stars" are Ralph Richardson and Merle Oberon. The film will be generally released in a few days and will also be shown in the Dominions and the United States.—Reuter.

Bringing Up Father

By George McManus



RUNNING COMMENTARY FROM HEART OF AERIAL DOG-FIGHT

London, To-day.

NEWS OF THE FIRST broadcast running commentary from the heart of an aerial dog-fight and the fact that the American Curtiss aeroplane is superior to the Nazi Messerschmidt were highlights in a talk given yesterday by Charles Gardner, the B.B.C. Observer with the Royal Air Force in France.

The Messerschmidts, he says, have not proved to be very successful. In an attack on half the number of French machines, the Germans lost two planes and shot down none; the battle lasted for about 15 minutes.

The battle provided the first radio running commentary on an aerial battle ever given from the air and from the very heart of the fight.

It so happened that a French flier left his communications microphone switched on and at headquarters a small group of officers heard him talking to himself.

They heard him swear as a Messerschmidt swerved away from him and heard him shout when one German plane was shot down.

SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE

This actually took place some time ago, but the facts first became known

to British correspondents when the pilots concerned were posted to that particular spot "Somewhere in France" where the correspondents are located.

It appears that a flight of Curtiss machines, flying the colours of France, were on patrol. They were suddenly greeted with one burst of Nazi anti-aircraft fire, obviously intended as a guide to German fighters.

Six Messerschmidts came to the attack. There was a short fight, as a result of which one German made a forced landing. The others made off.

TERRIFIC MELEE

Eight of the French machines continued their patrol, the ninth having to return to his base owing to a shortage of petrol.

A few minutes later, three flights of five each of the much-vaunted Richthofen Squadron, in Messerschmidts, came up.

For quarter of an hour, there was a terrific melee in the air, with planes and bullets apparently everywhere.

The French, who were well over Germany at the time, edged themselves towards our lines and eventually drew the Germans over French territory.

Two Messerschmidts fell behind the French lines. The others then made off.

MANOEUVRABILITY

When the French planes landed, it was found that although most of the machines bore bullet holes, no one was hurt and that while the Messerschmidt and the Curtiss had about the same turn of speed, the American plane was much more manoeuvrable. —Reuter.

KING VISITS THE BALLOON BARRAGE UNITS

London, To-day.

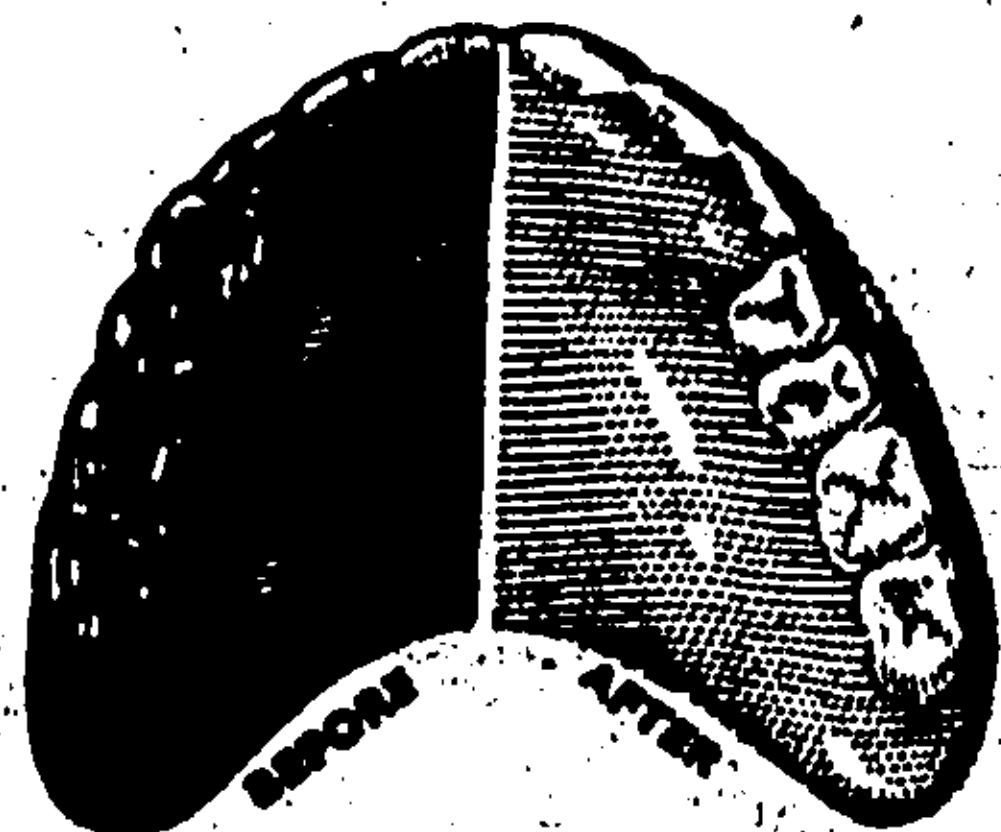
Their Majesties the King and Queen visited balloon barrage units yesterday.

The Queen showed great interest in the arrangements for carrying hot food to men in distant outposts, while the King asked what the men were in civilian life. He was told they ranged all the way from barristers to mechanics and artisans.

He was also told of the difficulties of hauling down the barrage in bad weather, an officer saying that it was "like playing with a big fish." —Reuter.

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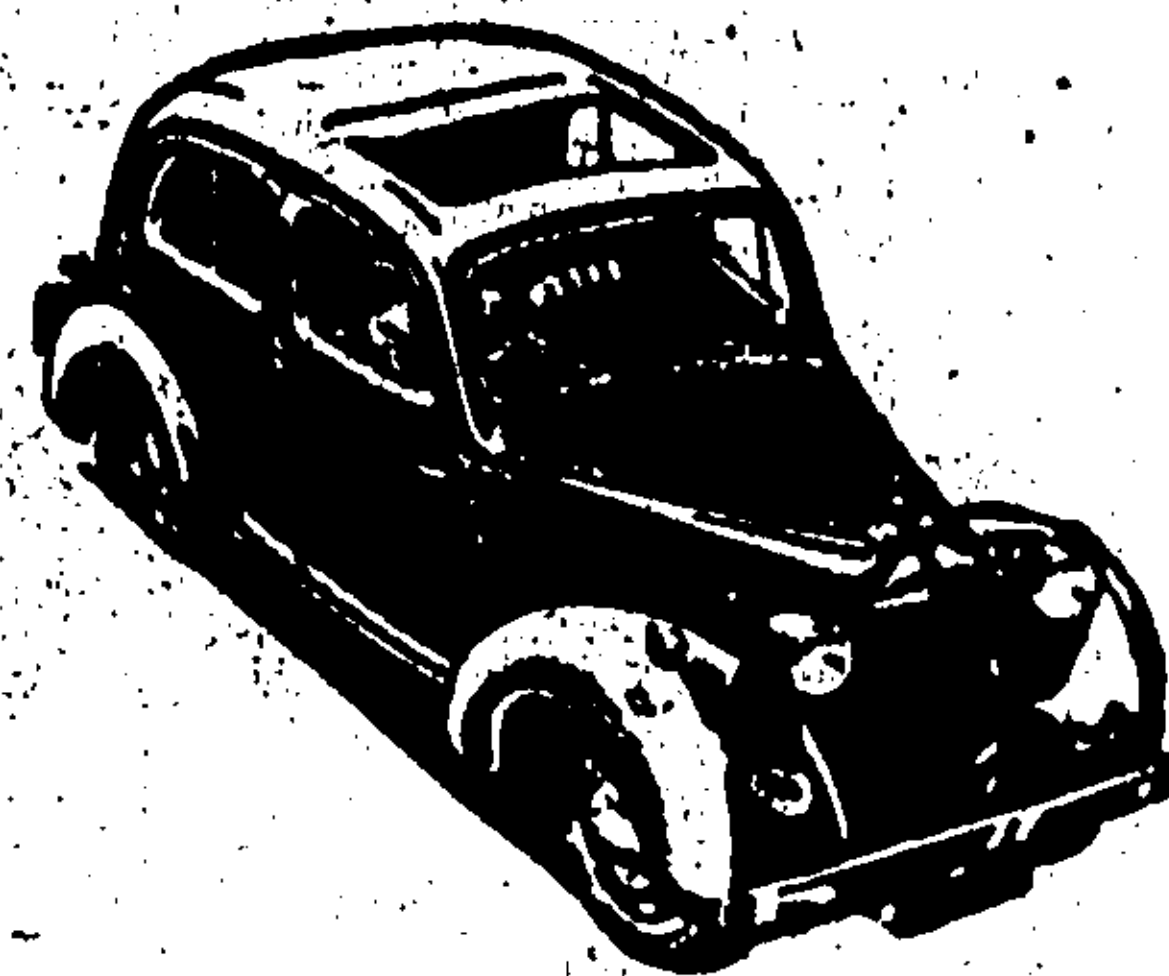
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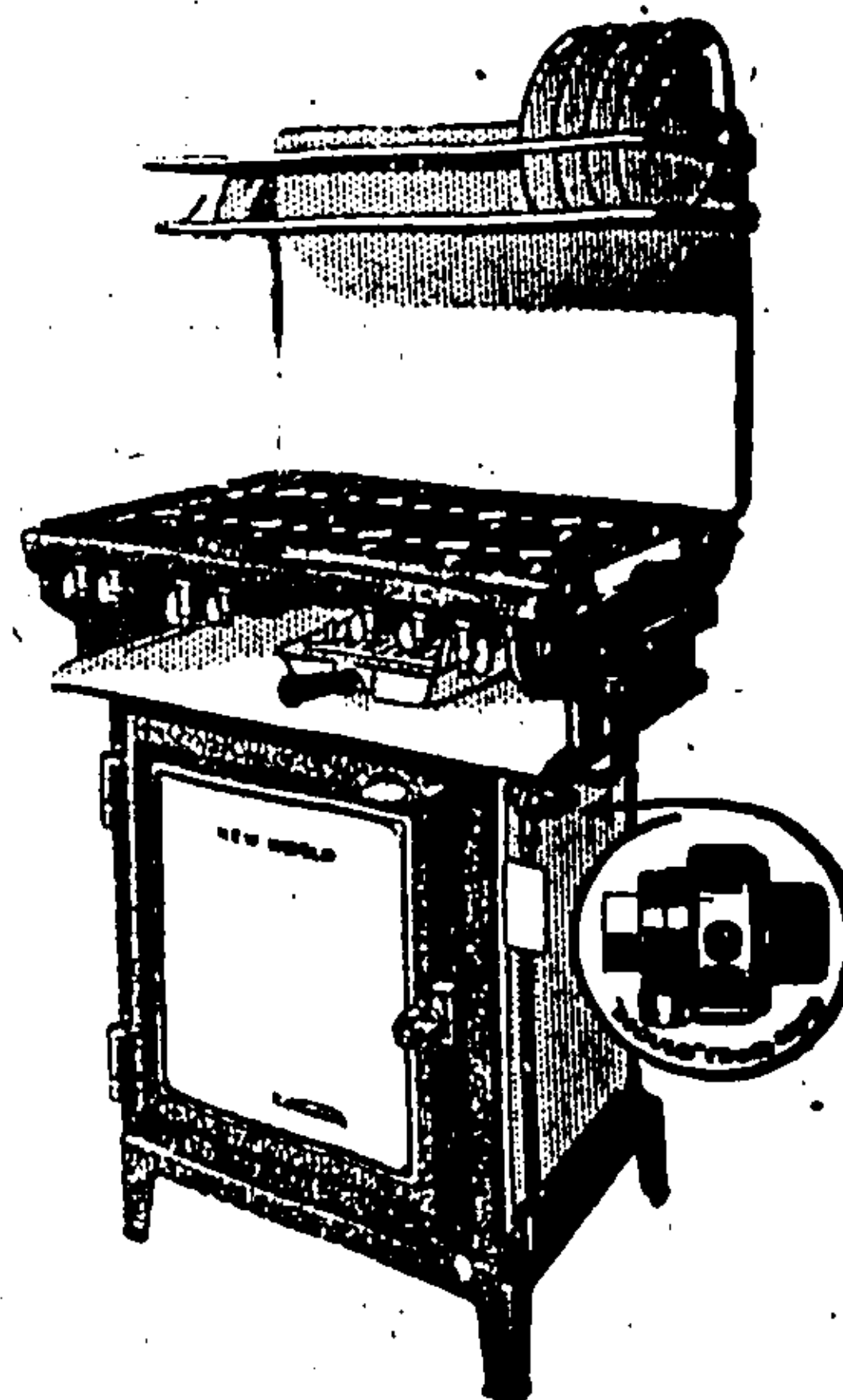
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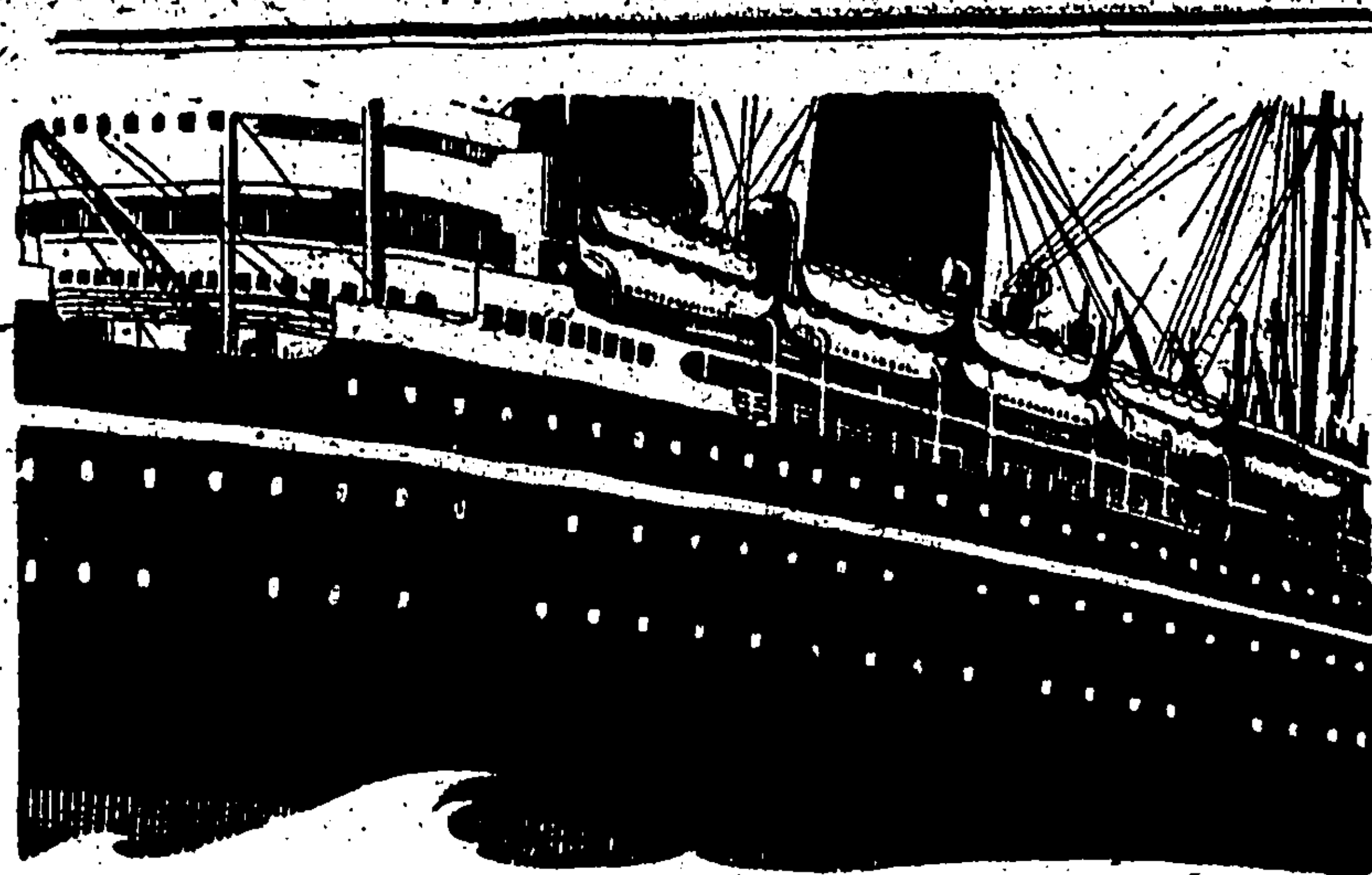
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Straits and Tourane	October 25.
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	G.P.O. & K.P.O. Ord.,	Oct. 21, 1.45 p.m.
Saigon, Sandakan, Madang, Salamaua, and Tulagi	Reg.,	Oct. 21, 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Ord.,	Oct. 21, 2.30 p.m.
Amoy		Oct. 21, 3.30 p.m.
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SUNDAY		
Haiphong		Oct. 22, 9.00 a.m.
Shanghai		Oct. 22, 9.00 a.m.
MONDAY		
Fort Bayard		Oct. 23, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow and Formosa		Oct. 23, 10.30 a.m.
TUESDAY		
Canton		Oct. 24, 7.15 a.m.
Batavia and Sourabaya		Oct. 24, 9.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard and Haiphong		Oct. 24, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai		Oct. 24, 2.30 p.m.
Manila		Oct. 24, 3.30 p.m.
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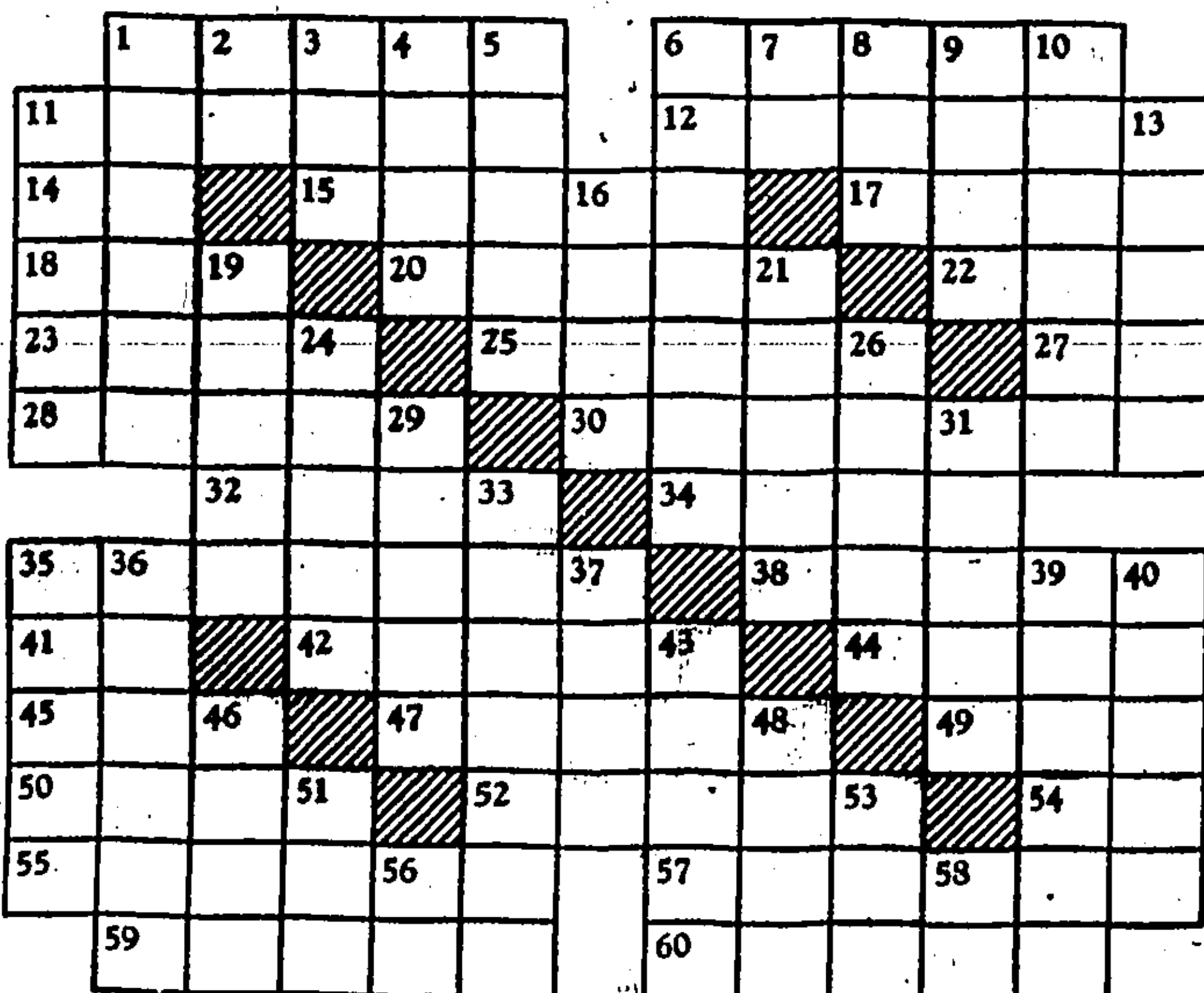
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- 22 Black substance
- 23 Goddess of discord
- 25 Relishable
- 27 Earth-goddess
- 28 To drive back
- 30 Aids to brew priest
- 32 Periods
- 34 To scorch
- 35 Infers
- 38 Slumber
- 41 Mulberry
- 42 Gathers
- 44 Spanish room
- 45 Groove
- 47 Concludes
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VERTICAL

- 50 Dutch cheese
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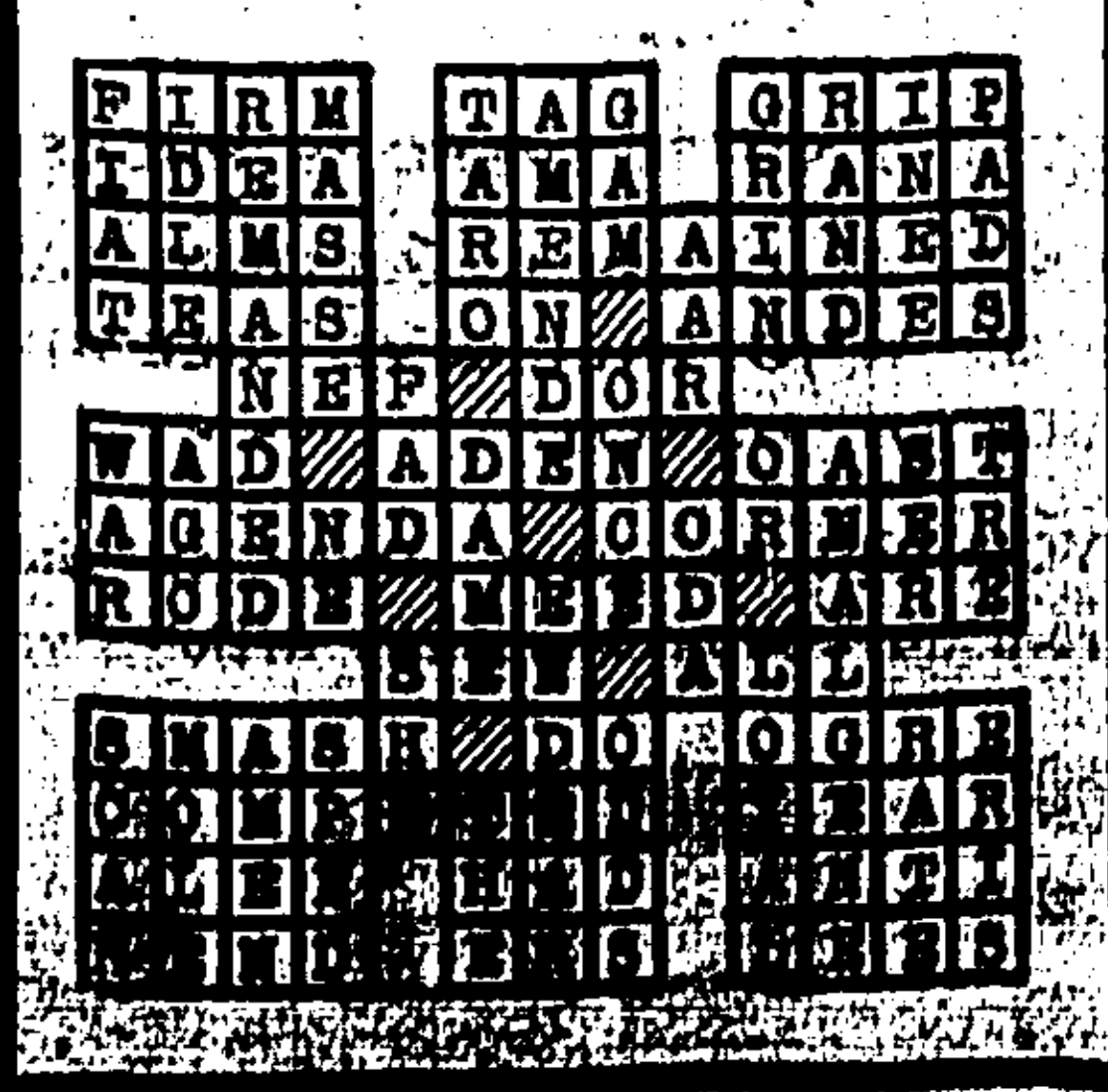
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- 1 Jury summons
- 2 One
- 3 To place
- 4 Cleopatra's maid

VERTICAL

- 5 Strikes out
- 6 Relishes
- 7 Concerning
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- 10 Wild
- 11 Door keeper
- 13 Roman deities
- 16 Jewel
- 19 Whistled
- 21 Dwells
- 24 Why
- 26 Measuring discs
- 29 Fine fabrics
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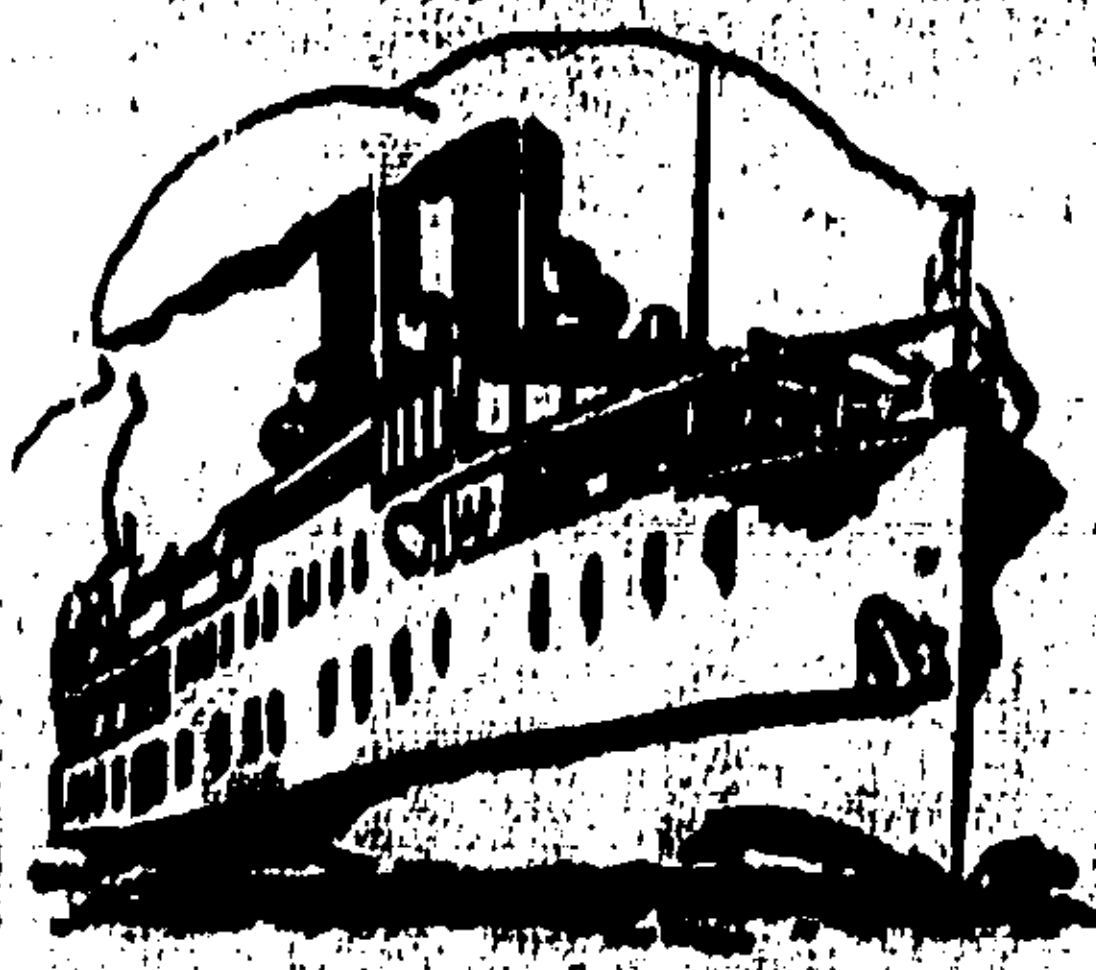
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In the course of a short speech Mr. Ruttonjee said that the club had a membership of 150 and it was the intention of the committee to organise games in all department of sports for their members.

The club has a team in the Softball League under the name of Hong Kong Ball Club.

BADMINTON MEETING

At the committee meeting of the Badminton Association it was decided that the League should commence on November 20 and that the closing date for entries to be October 31.

The following are the present league entries:

Men's League "A": — Chantecler, C.Y.M.C.A., University "A" University "B", Recreio and Chung Wah.
Men's League "B": — Chantecler, Recreio, Kowloon Tong "A", Kowloon Tong "B", V.R.C., St. John's St. An-

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NOTICE

The above-mentioned Dinner will be held on Friday 27th October at 8.00 p.m.

Affiliated Unit

Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C.

Lecture

The next lecture on First Aid will be held on Friday 27th October in the St. John Cathedral Hall at 5.30 p.m.

Attachment

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Mrs. A. L. Fisher—20.10.39.

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Mixed Doubles: — Chantecler, Recreio (two teams, one certain and one doubtful), University, Taikoo and K.C.C.

Ladies Doubles: — Chantecler, Recreio (two teams) and the following doubtful entries: University, European Y.M.C.A., and K.C.C.

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TO-DAY'S STRANGE STORY OF REAL PEOPLE

SAM
HOUSTON'S
WEIRD
THREE YEARS

BY VINCENT TOWNE

One of the most picturesque characters of our history was Sam Houston. He was one of our many barefoot boys who became leaders of men. He was stalwart and strong. He knew no fear. His whole life was that of a normal, forceful character, save during a hiatus of several years, during which his behavior baffled the understanding of his myriad admirers.

He was born on a Virginia farm in 1793 of Scotch-Irish parents. When he was a small lad his father died and his mother removed the little family to Tennessee, on land adjacent to the Cherokee territory. He saw little schooling. His early teachers were mostly his Indian neighbours. When 20, at the time of the War of 1821, he enlisted in the Regular Army, soon gained promotion as a sergeant and was several times wounded at Horse Shoe Bend, where his magnificent courage attracted the admiration of General Jackson.

RECEIVED PROMOTION

Promoted to the rank of ensign and directly afterward to that of lieutenant, he served with honour for five years and until involved in a scandal touching the smuggling of Negroes from Florida into the United States. Resigning his commission and demanding an investigation of his conduct, he was fully exonerated, but instead of returning to the army studied law at Nashville and was admitted to the bar. Thereafter he made a rapid climb of the ladder that leads to the seats of the mighty. He became District Attorney and member of Congress. While serving in the latter capacity he fought a duel with General White and wounded his adversary. Then he returned home to Tennessee to be chosen Governor by an overwhelming majority.

POPULARITY UNSURPASSED

He was the most popular man in the State. After serving out his term he made a trip to Texas and was elected a delegate to the convention which adopted a constitution for that territory. Soon afterward he was elected General of Texas and was the dominant force in the "general consultation" which established a provisional government. In this conference he was elected Commander-in-Chief of the Army of Texas and immediately began to weave the scattered population into an efficient military organization. He was a member of the convention that adopted a declaration of independence for Texas, and when the Mexicans crossed the line and executed Davy Crockett, Bowie, Travis and others, Houston, with only 750 men, met the strong army of Santa Anna and within an hour killed half of this number, making prisoners of those that remained.

FIRST PRESIDENT OF TEXAS

As a reward he was chosen first President of the Republic of Texas and at the end of his term left the Government in an excellent condition—at peace with the Indians and with Mexico, and with its treasury notes at par. After he had been elected to the presidency a second time, the Texas Congress elected him



His Appearance Caused A Sensation In Washington

dictator. He now began to take steps for annexing Texas to the United States, but finding President Van Buren unresponsive, affected to enter upon negotiations for annexation with Spain, France and England. In this was he ingeniously brought Van Buren to terms.

So, as a result of Houston's efforts, Texas, where he might have remained an autocrat, entered our Union, and as a State sent him to the Senate at Washington. Here, during the period just prior to the Civil War, he used his efforts in the Unionist cause. Prior to the convention of 1852 his nomination to the Presidency by the Democratic party was looked upon as certain. But his leanings toward the Know-Nothings gave the nomination to Franklin Pierce. He received votes also in the conventions of 1856 and 1860, and was elected Governor

of Texas on an independent ticket after having been shelved by the leaders of his party. After Texas had been carried for secession all State officers returned to take the oath of allegiance to the Confederacy, but Houston defiantly declined to follow their example and was deposed.

ACTED STRANGELY AT 36

The strange conduct which made him one of the enigmas of our history occurred when he was 36 years old, just at the time when he was in the midst of a campaign for re-election to the office of Governor of Tennessee. In January of that year, 1829, he had married a Miss Allen, who was of a very influential family highly respected in the State. Within only a few weeks after the wedding he astounded his myriad admirers by suddenly separating

from his bride without a word of explanation beyond the statement that the cause of his act in no manner reflected upon that excellent lady's character. Up to that time sure of re-election, he abdicated the power that his Commonwealth was about to confer upon him and, disguising himself, secretly left Nashville, making his way up the Arkansas River to the mouth of the Illinois, where he joined the Cherokee tribe, leaving his party followers in a state of turbulence, and thus escaping the storm of vituperation that Tennesseans were heaping upon his head.

ADOPTED INDIAN CUSTOMS

He remained in the wilderness, adopting the Indian costume and customs. He let his hair grow down his back, donned the buckskin hunting shirt and yellow leggings of the redman, threw a blanket about his shoulders and crowned his head with turkey feathers. Thus he lived for three years and no one could ever induce him to account for his weird transformation or explain why he had deserted the paths of civilization. When he ended his self-imposed exile he proceeded to Washington in the garb of his adopted tribesmen. His appearance caused a sensation in the Federal capital. It was just after this visit that he began his new career of glory in Texas and ten years later he took as a second wife Margaret Moffette of Alabama, to whom he gave credit for having exercised over him an ennobling and restraining influence which revived his ambitions.

Why he deserted his first wife to live in savagery for three years still remains an unanswered riddle of American history—one that has poked more and more vexatious as historians have attempted to unravel it.

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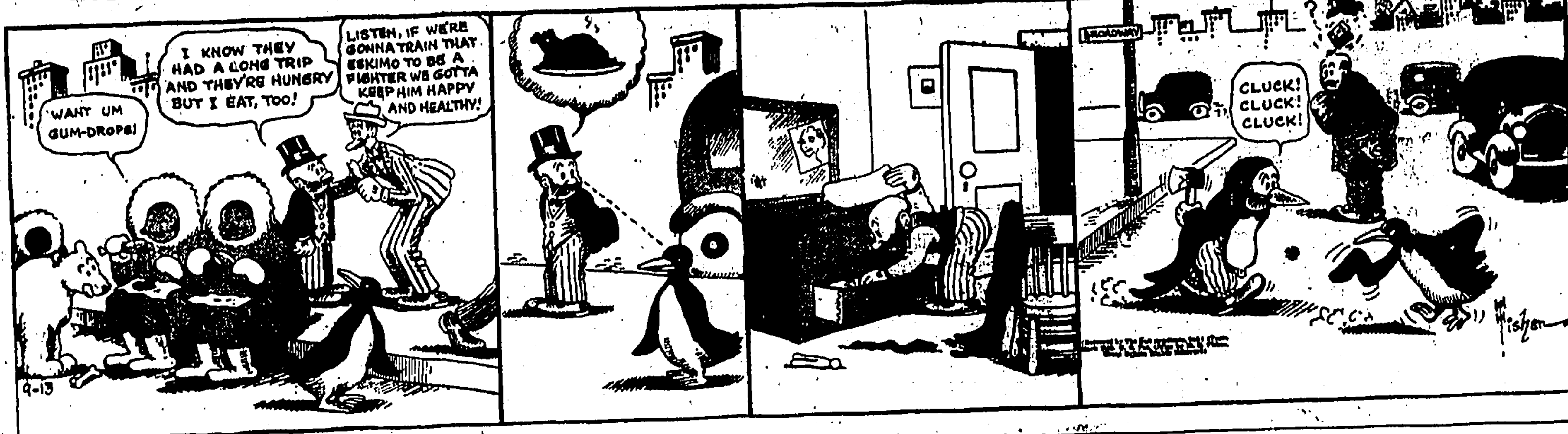
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12.30 p.m.—Variety with Vivian Ellis, Sydney Gustard and the Radio Three.
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Mozart—Symphony in C Major ("Jupiter"). Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Bruno Walter.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Deanna Durbin (Vocal) and Light Symphony Orchestra. Mon Reve (Waldteufel); Bal Masque (Fletcher); Light Symphony Orch. My Own (film "That Certain Age"); Deanna Durbin (Vocal) with Orch. For Your Delight—Serenade (Eric Coates); Light Symphony Orchestra cond. The Composer. It's Raining Sunbeams (film "One Hun-

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dred Men and a girl). Deanna Durbin (Vocal) with Orchestra. Minuet (from "Fete Galante") (Ethel Smyth); Two Interlinked French Folk Melodies (Ethel Smyth); Light Symphony Orchestra cond. by Adrian Boult.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6.00 p.m.—Light French Programme with Lys Gauty and Charles Trenet. Le Chaland Qui Passe (de Badet and Bixio); J'Alme Tes Grands Yeux (Tranchant and Bixio); Lys Gauty (Vocal) with Orchestra. La Polka Du Roi (Trenet); Le Grand Cafe (Trenet); Charles Trenet (Vocal) with Orchestra. Sous Les Bees De Gaz—Java (Revue "Ferie de Paris"); Ma Banlieue—Valse

(Revue "Ferie de Paris")... L'Accordeoniste Alexander & His Orchestra. J'Attends Un Navire (Weill, Deval)... Lys Gauty (Vocal) with Orchestra. Je Chante (Trenet-Misrakl); Fleur Bleue (Trenet)... Charles Trenet (Vocal) with Orchestra.

6.32 p.m.—Charlie Kunz at the Piano. Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. D. 1. Intro: There's a small hotel; I've got you under my skin; Head over heels; Pennies from Heaven; Who loves you? Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. D. 2. Intro: One, two, button your shoes; On your toes; Goodnight, my love; Harbours lights; There's something in the air; May I have the next romance?

6.45 p.m.—London Relay—News Supplement.

6.55 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.57 p.m.—Cesar-Franck—Sonata in A Major. Alfred Cortot (Piano) and Jacques Thibaud (Violin).

7.26 p.m.—Songs by Jussi Bjorling (Tenor).

Sadly Groaning, Guilty Feeling (Requiem—Verdi); Lord, vouchsafe Thy loving kindness (Stabat Mater—Rossini); Oh Paradise! ("L'Africana"—Scribe-Mayerbeer); Heaven and Ocean! ("La Gioconda"—Bolto-Ponchielli).

7.43 p.m.—Popy—Suite Orientale. Grand Symphony Orchestra cond. by Dr. Weissmann.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Mendelssohn—Trio in D Minor, Op. 49. Cortet, Thibaud and Casals.

8.33 p.m.—Excerpts from Grand Opera.

"Turandot" (Puccini): Nobody Shall Sleep; Weep Not, Lull... Alessandro Valente (Tenor) with Orchestra.

"Madam Butterfly" (Puccini): One Fine Day... Margaret Sheridan (Soprano) with Orchestra.

"La Boheme" (Puccini): Your tiny hand is frozen; "Faust" (Gounod): All hail, thou dwelling pure and lowly... Beniamino Gigli (Tenor) with Orchestra.

8.51 p.m.—Rossini—William Tell—Ballet Music. Sadler's Wells Orchestra conducted by Constant Lambert.

9.08 p.m.—Studio—Comments on Recent Events.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.30 p.m.—Variety and Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—Let It Be Me (film "Broadway Hostess"); Take My Heart... Dick McDonough & His Orchestra.

Comedians—Digging H'OI'Les (Glanagan & Curwen)... Flanagan and Allen with

Dick Elgin and His "OI"chestra. Quickstep—Hot Pie; Slow Fox-Trot—Hot Pie... Scott Wood & His Six Swingers. Vocal—The Trail Of The Lonesome Pine (from the film); Covered Wagon Lullaby (Freeman & Leonard)... The Hill Billies with Their Own Novelty Accompaniment. Comedienne—What Archibald Says, Goes (Casting); Falling In Love Again (film "The Blue Angel")... Grace Fields with Orchestra.

Piano Duets—"Sunshine Susie"—Medley; "Goodnight Vienna"—Medley... Rale Da Costa & Harry Jacobson.

Sketch—An Old Flame... John Henry assisted by Gladys Horridge.

Quickstep—Home Again Blues; Fox-Trot—Pop Corn Man... Harry Roy & His Orch.

Three Planos—Boogie Woogie Prayer... Meade Lux Lewis, Pete Johnson, Albert Ammons.

Comedian—London On A Rainy Night (Washington & Stept); Pop! Goes Your Heart (film "Happiness Ahead")... Bobby Howes with Orchestra.

Fox-Tots—Goonie Goo; Big Chief "Swing It" (film "The Joy Parade")... Nat Gonella & His Georgians.

Vocal—Plantation Songs. Intro: So early in the morning; Carry me back to old Virginia; Old Folks at home; Good Night Ladies; "Away down south in Dixie; Poor Old Joe; Oh, Susanna; My Old Kentucky Home... Paul Robeson (Bass) with Orchestra and Chorus.

Hawaiian Guitar Duets—Drifting and Dreaming (Gillespie); Chiquita (Wayne) ... Ferers and Pauluhl.

Gypsy Orch.—Sweetheart Czardas (Marie); L'Ultima Parola (Ferraris)... Don Rico & His Gypsy Girls Orchestra with Vocal Chorus.

Vocal—Medley Of Songs From Shirley Temple Pictures... Mae Questal (The Betty Boop Girl) with Victor Young & His Orchestra.

Accordeons—When The Swallows Nest Again (Stevens-Edmund); You Can't Pull The Wool Over My Eyes (Ager & Others)... Primo Scala's Accordion Band with Vocal Refrain.

Orch.—Romance In Moonlight. Intro: Pale Moon; Pagan Love Song; In the Moonlight; Gypsy Moon; Moonlight and Roses; I love the Moon... Alfredo Campoli & His Orchestra.

11.15 p.m.—London Relay—"London Log".

11.30 p.m.—Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—Day After Day; I Ups To Her and She Ups To Me... Barry Wood & His Music.

Tangos—San Fernando; Punto Arenas... Heinz Huppertz & His Orchestra.

Waltz—Have You Forgotten So Soon; Fox-Trot—Did You Mean It... Jack Hylton & His Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—Night In Manhattan (film "The Big Broadcast of 1937"); Here's Love In Your Eye (film "The Big Broadcast of 1937")... Ted Fio Rito & His Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—Front Page News; Waltz—Close to Me... Sydney Lipton & His Grosvenor House Band.

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South, Dealer
North-South vulnerable

♠ Q 10
♥ K 8 5 3
♦ A J 9 4
♣ K 9 7

♠ A J 9 8
♥ 6 5 3
♦ Q 7
♣ J 8 5

♠ K 7 2
♥ A 10
♦ K 8 2
♣ A Q 10 4 3

The bidding:
South West North East
1♣ 1♠ 2♦ Pass
2NT Pass 3NT Pass
Pass Pass

The eight of spades was opened and dummy's ten held. Mr. Hymes played a club over to the Ace, returned to the King in dummy and now played the Queen of spades. West won with the Ace (if he had stayed off, he would have spoiled the squeeze, but would have gotten his partner in an end-play), and led another spade. Mr. Hymes discarded a heart from dummy and laid down the Ace of clubs. When West followed, he was now marked with ten black cards. Hence, rather than

fool with a possible diamond finesse, Mr. Hymes simply decided to squeeze East. Accordingly, he played his two remaining clubs, discarding two diamonds from dummy.

At this point dummy held three hearts and two diamonds; Mr. Hymes, two hearts and three diamonds. With only five cards, East could not keep both red suits guarded and was squeezed.

Yesterday you were David Bruce Burnstone's partner and held:

♠ K 10 5
♥ 7 4 3
♦ K Q 8 5
♣ 8 4 2

The bidding:
Burnstone Jacoby You Maier
1♦ Pass (?)

ANSWER: Your correct bid is two diamonds. Score 100% for 2 diamonds, 30% for one notrump. (When you have really good support for partner's suit, show it).

QUESTION NO. 237
Today Oswald Jacoby is your partner and again you hold:

♠ K 10 5
♥ 7 4 3
♦ K Q 8 5
♣ 8 4 2

The bidding:
Jacoby Maier You Schenken
1♦ Pass (?)

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PRYDE AND HURLEY WIN FREE STYLE RELAY FOR C.B.S.

(By "ADREM")

EXTRAORDINARILY well-matched competitors spurred on by the frenzied shouts of scores of supporters, every available vantage point occupied by eager-faced youths, that was Victoria Recreation Club yesterday afternoon.

The occasion was the finals of the Inter-School swimming sports which were literally a shouting success, competition being open until the last event when King's College just got their noses in front to win the aggregate trophy by 7 points with Wah Yan deserving runners-up.

Final event of the programme, the 200 yards free style relay, was one of the most thrilling races I have ever seen.

Fortunes fluctuated as the race advanced and finally, to climax some really keen sport, Central British School came up from absolute obscurity through their last two swimmers, W. G. Pryde and E. Hurley, to win by a touch from La Salle, with King's College a short distance behind.

First event of the afternoon the 100 yards free style saw Tam Tjong-thian, who proved the outstanding sprinter on view, win in the fine time of 05-1/5 seconds from Pryde. The latter made a great effort and kept well within challenging distance throughout but he was unfortunate to just fall by a touch.

The 50 yards back stroke resulted in a useful win for St. Stephen's, Ip Tim-yu winning fairly comfortably.

KING'S TO THE FORE

King's did very well in the 100 yards breast stroke and secured two places—first and third—through Fung Wai-chung and Lau Cheuk-wing. The time of 30 seconds, however, fell rather short of the fine times set in other events.

Tam Tjong-thian soon proved his superiority in the 50 yards sprint and was never extended.

The jagged relay kept spectators at fever-pitch. King's and St. Joseph's struggled neck-and-neck throughout the distance and so close was the distance between the final swimmers when they touched, that a verdict of dead-heat would have occasioned no surprise.

Donald Young (St. Joseph's) made a gal-

lant effort in the 200 yards free style but was not quite good enough for Chan Yee-fong (Wah Yan) who won in the promising time of 2 minutes, 32.6 seconds.

Fung Wai-chung (King's) and So Kwok-wing (Wah Yan) had a great struggle for third place, which they had to be content to share.

LOPES'S STAMINA

Although Fong Cheuk-wah (Wah Yan) maintained the lead for three quarters of the distance, the superior staying-power of A. Lopes (La Salle) proved the deciding factor in the 100 yards back stroke and the latter eventually won with something to spare. F. W. Fung (King's) was a bad third.

The 200 yards free style relay, I have already touched upon.

C.B.S., the eventual winners, were not very well served by their first two swimmers and interest was centred on the great struggle being enacted between La Salle and King's. The former lost ground through their numbers one and two, but Gomes, swimming third, made up a great deal of ground to once again give the school a slender lead over King's.

PRYDE'S CONTRIBUTION

When the last swimmers turned for the final sprint home, La Salle were well to the good but meanwhile Pryde had made his contribution and C.B.S. were within striking distance.

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WEEK-END SOCCER FIXTURES

The following are the Football Fixtures for:

TO-DAY

First Division

Middlesex v Police

(Sookunpoo at 4.30 p.m.)

Referee:—Omar.

Linesmen:—Carley & Wilson.

Kowloon v Club

(Kowloon at 4.30 p.m.)

Referee:—Stokes.

Linesmen:—Sommerville and Phillips.

South China "B" v Royal Scots

(Caroline Hill at 4.30 p.m.)

Referee:—Ford.

Linesmen:—Sze Po Wai and Mitchell.

Second Division "A"

R.A.O.C. v Eastern

(Sookunpoo at 3.00 p.m.)

Referee:—Foster.

*Club v 9th R.A.

(Club at 3.00 p.m.)

Referee:—Hinchliffe.

Kit Che v 30th R.A.

(Caroline Hill at 3.00 p.m.)

Referee:—Mitchell.

5th R.A. v South China

(Club at 4.30 p.m.)

Referee:—Silva.

Second Division "B"

Engineers v Police

(Military at 3.00 p.m.)

Referee:—Edward.

University v R.A.F.

(St. Joseph's at 3.00 p.m.)

Referee:—Barritto.

Kwong Wah v Signals

(Chatham Road at 3.00 p.m.)

Referee:—Dove.

Kowloon v Royal Scots

(Kowloon at 3.00 p.m.)

Referee:—Clark.

Third Division

*Kumaons v Royal Scots

(Chatham Road at 4.30 p.m.)

Referee:—Demece.

R.A.S.C. v R.A.M.C.

(Military at 4.30 p.m.)

Referee:—Wyper.

Signals v 12th R.A.

(St. Joseph's at 4.30 p.m.)

Referee:—Horlock.

TO-MORROW

First Division

Royal Navy v St. Joseph's

(Causeway Bay at 4.30 p.m.)

Referee:—Ip.

Linesmen:—Baker & Fraser.

South China "A" v Eastern

(Caroline Hill at 4.30 p.m.)

Referee:—Beard.

Linesmen:—Salter and Gibson.

Third Division

South China v 24th R.A.

(Caroline Hill at 3.00 p.m.)

Referee:—Havelaar.

Engineers v Electric

(Sookunpoo at 3.00 p.m.)

Referee:—Minihan.

International v 5th R.A.

(Sookunpoo at 4.30 p.m.)

Referee:—Adlam.

* Postponed.

BATTLE OF GIANTS AT CAROLINE HILL

A battle royal is anticipated at Caroline Hill to-morrow when South China "A", champions, meet Eastern, runners-up, in the First Division of Hong Kong Football League.

The result will not only have a great bearing on the League table but also on the future gate receipts of the Clubs.

Lee Wai-tong will be leading the South China attack and will again be supported by Fung King-cheong and Lai Shui-wing.

Eastern will be represented by the same team which trounced St. Joseph's last Sunday, but their forwards will meet more resistance, on this occasion, from the South China intermediate halves.

The best game in to-day's programme should be that at Sookunpoo where Middlesex are at home to Police.

BRIGHT NOT PLAYING
Middlesex will have the services of Jackson in goal, but will be without Bright whose place will be taken by Parker.

Kowloon should account for their old rivals, Club, particularly as the latter will be without the services of E. Strange. Gilchrist and Syd. Strangle will be seen in action once again, however.

In Junior Division, 30th R.A. will meet Kit Chee and a good game should result. The Gunners have done very well in their first two games and though they will meet more opposition from Kit Chee, should win.

Two games have been postponed, the first between Club and 8th R.A. in Second Division owing to volunteer duties affecting Club, while owing to this being the fasting month, all games against the Kumaon Rifles have been postponed.

"RAPIER'S" SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY

RACE NO. 1

HECTIC VIEW

ROSE EMILY

JENNIFER

Outsider:—Lilliber

RACE NO. 2

KING KONG

ROSE EMILY

DAWN STAR

Outsider:—Monsieur Pride

RACE NO. 3

WINTER

HEPPY LANDINGS

CRIPPLE

Outsider:—Snowy River

RACE NO. 4

NATIONAL LIBERTY

MATADOR

WILD BEAR

Outsider:—Pumpkin

RACE NO. 5

ST. JOSEPH'S

BAFFIN

A ROARING TIME

Outsider:—Pumpkin



SAVING GIRL

SCENIC VIEW

SALVAGE MASTER

Outsider:—King's Lead

RACE NO. 7

RND FEATHER

JOB

EXPANSION TIME

Outsider:—Moonlight View

RACE NO. 8

ROYAL HIGHNESS

CLONING

GOLD COIN

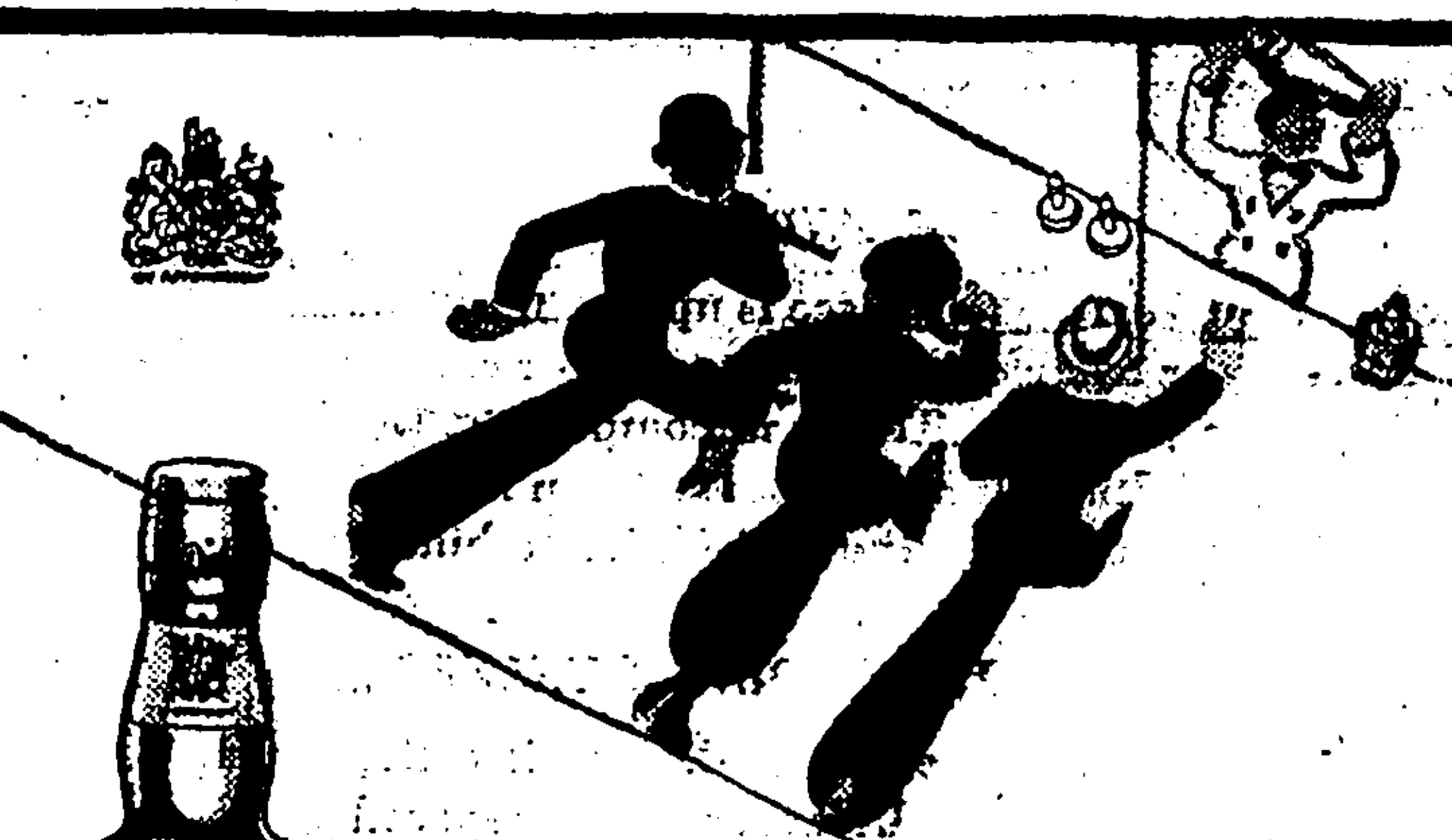
Outsider:—Pumpkin

RACE NO. 9

DAILY

BYRATON

Outsider:—Pumpkin



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RUGBY OPENS TO-DAY

The 1939 Rugby season commences to-day with two matches on the Club ground.

At 3.30 p.m. Club "A" will meet a Navy team and at 4.30 p.m. Club first fifteen will be pitted against Army.

The following are the teams:
Club 1st XV:—F. M. Thompson; D. H. Stewart; H. D. Bidwell; J. C. Charter and D. I. Bosanquet; F. Cessford and J. R. Henderson; A. F. Walkden (Captain), J. S. Dunnett and A. A. Bompas; W. E. Peers and C. F. Needham; W. B. Richardson, A. J. G. Taylor and G. B. Godfrey.

Club "A" XV:—M. G. Carruthers; H. van Leeuwen (Captain), G. D. Dav, C. R. Burse; and H. F. Hopkins; J. Hutchison and R. Rutherford; P. R. Wanklyn, B. Hynes and J. Moodie; L. A. Benn and L. de C. Blechyn-den; B. O'M. Deane, M. S. Banner and A. G. Dalziel.

Army:—Lieut. Otway (R.E.); Lieut. Lomax (8th H. Regt. R.A.); L/Cpl. Boe (R.S.); L/Cpl. Walte (R.E.) and L/Cpl. Smith (Seaford H.); Lieut. Douglas (R.S.) and L/Sgt. Lang (R.A.O.C.); Pte. Berry (Midx. R.); Lieut. Hewitt (Midx. R.) and L/Bdr. Evans (5th A.A.R.A.); 2/Lt. Pinkerton (R.S.) and Gunnr. Whitehead (5th A.A.R.A.); Capt. Duke (R.S.); Lieut. Ridsdale (Royal Norfolk R.) and Serjt. Page (5th A.A.R.A.).
Reserves:—Gunnr. Richards (8th H. Regt. R.A.); L/Sgt. Blackburn (R.E.); L/Cpl. Foley (R.E.); and Sapr. Artinistall (R.E.).
Navy:—Pay Lt. Stevens; S/Lt. Kennedy, Mr. Pascoe, Tel. Paul, Surg. Lt. Cockrane, Lieut.-Cdr. Clark; Lt. Carter, Ingles; E. R.

KING'S THRILLING WIN

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Hurley made a grand effort to win by a touch from La Salle, to provide a fitting climax to a programme that was a credit to the organisers.

RESULTS

100 Yards Free Style:—1. Tam Tjong-thian (St. Stephen's); 2. W. G. Pryde (C.B.S.); 3. Yee Tung-lun (St. J.). Time: 65-1/5 secs.
50 Yards Back Stroke:—1. Ip Tim-yu (St. J.); 2. Fong Cheuk-wah (Wah Yan); 3. A. Lopes (La Salle). Time: 36 secs.
100 Yards Breast Stroke:—1. Fung Wai-chung (King's); 2. Donald Young (St. J.); 3. Lau Cheuk-wing (King's). Time: 80 secs.
50 Yards Free Style:—1. Tam Tjong-thian (St. S.); 2. Li Wing-hong (King's); 3. E. Roberts (King's). Time: 28 secs.
Diving:—1. Donald Young (St. J.); 2. Koo Ka-kul (Wah Yan); 3. G. Saunders (C.B.S.). Points 116-1/2.
Medley Relay:—1. King's (Li Wing-hong, Lau Cheuk-wing and E. Roberts); 2. St. Joseph's (Ronald Ho, Donald Young and Fong Wah); 3. Wah Yan (Fong Cheuk-wah, Ng Kam-yung and Chan Yee-fong); 4. La Salle (A. Lopes, M. Ng and C. Cham). Time: 1 min. 41-3/5 secs.
200 Yards Free Style:—1. Chan Yee-fong (Wah Yan); 2. Donald Young (St. J.); 3. Ng Chiu-man (Queen's). Time: 2 mins. 33.6 secs.

A. Barlow, L. S. A. Palmer, Wtr. Ferris, Fl. Lt. Taylor, Lt. Ogle, Pay Lt. Charles, Lt. Johns.

Reserves:—Surg. Lt. Corcoran, L. S. Jones, L. S. Spitt, Tel. Hall.

Indications point to a close game between Club and Army, but the weakness on the wings will probably cost Army the game.

50 Yards Breast Stroke:—Lau Cheuk-wing (King's); 2. Ng Kam-yung (Wah Yan); 3. Fung Wai-chung (King's) and So Kwok-wing (Wah Yan) dead heat. Time: 36 secs.
100 Yards Back Stroke:—1. A. Lopes (La Salle); 2. Fong Cheuk-wah (Wah Yan); 3. Fung Fel-wan (King's). Time: 1 min. 25 secs.
200 Yards Free Style Relay:—1. C.B.S. (M. Swan, R. Lawrence, W. Pryde and E. Hurley); 2. La Salle (M. Young, C. Cham, J. Gomes and L. Veira); 3. King's College (Lau Cheuk-wing, E. Roberts, Lam Ka-chang and Lee Wing-hong); 4. St. Joseph's (Fong Wah, Yee Tung-lun, Ronald Ho and Donald Young).

FINAL STANDINGS

King's College	27 1/2 points
Wah Yan	20 1/2 "
St. Joseph's	18 "
St. Stephen's	15 "
La Salle and C.B.S.	12 "
Queen's College	1 "
D.B.S. and St. Paul's failed to score a single point.	

TO-DAY'S CRICKET

Several interesting cricket matches have been arranged for this afternoon, a particularly fine fixture being that between Recreio and Civil Service.
H.K.C.C. Married v. Single
K.C.C. Juniors v. C.B.S.
Recreio v. Civil Service (King's Park)
Civil Service v. Recreio (Happy Valley)
I.R.C. v. Royal Engineers (Sookunpo)
K.C.C. Seniors v. Middlesex

ONE BOWLS MATCH TO-DAY

The "China Mail" understands that the Second Division fixture between Civil Service and Craigengower has resulted in the conceding of the points to the latter team owing to the inability of C.S.C.C. to field a team last week.

Only game that will be played to-day, therefore, is the First Division replay between Recreio "B" and Kowloon Dock to decide which team will be relegated.

LADIES' HOCKEY

Several friendly lady hockey matches have been arranged for this afternoon and at King's Park, St. Andrew's will again meet Recreio at 4 p.m. while the Saints Juniors will meet the Diocesan Girls' School in a return game on the latter's ground at 3.15 p.m.

The "y" Ladies and Hong Kong Ladies are holding intra-club games. The first game will be played at King's Park at 3 p.m. and the other at the Valley at 3.15 p.m.

Members of Craigengower C.C. are reminded of the "At Home" to-morrow at 2 p.m. There will be a mixed-American tennis tournament and a lawn bowls match, after which prizes will be distributed. A tea dance will be held at 6.30 p.m.

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4189	Junction of Kowloon City Road and Sheung Heung Road, To Kwa Wan.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About 2,400	\$44	\$1,800
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2	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 3782	Junction of Kai Chai Road and Kai Chai Road, Shamshui.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About 3,375	\$46	\$1,125
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Canberra, To-day.
In connection with Mr. Menzies' announcement yesterday that compulsory military service for men 21 years old would be introduced, it is pointed out that this does not mean conscription, which Australia has always opposed.

It is more a re-introduction of the territorial system which was in force 12 years ago.

It is rendered necessary by withdrawals into reserve and for the need to maintain the militia at its strength of 75,000 men.—Reuter.

AMERICA'S CLEAR WARNING TO JAPAN

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is welcomed by Chinese circles here.

They see in it a frank and detailed exposition of the attitude and policy of the American Government in the Far East.

Chinese circles also welcome the speech since they believe that it will be one of the rare occasions when the people of Japan have had the opportunity to listen to some plain speaking on what the Japanese armed forces are doing in China and what world public opinion thinks about Japanese activities in China.

Mr. Grew's speech is causing very wide comment and creating a very favourable impression in Chinese circles.—Reuter.

CONGRESS HOSTILE TO BRITISH POLICY

New Delhi, To-day.

The President of the Indian National Congress said yesterday that Lord Linlithgow's statement that at the end of the war Britain would regard the 1935 Act as open to modification could not even be discussed.

Congress Ministries would not continue in office. Already, those in eight provinces are resigning.

The President of the Congress Government of Bombay has given notice of a resolution which is to the effect that Britain brought India into the European war without the consent of the Indian people, and which expresses regret that this should have been done.—Reuter.

MINISTRIES WILL GO

Allahabad, To-day.

Dr. Rajendra Prasad, President of the Indian National Congress, commenting on the Viceroy's declaration said that it left no room for further discussions.

He added that Congress ministries could not last and they would go.—Reuter.

INCREASED WAGES IN RAILWAYS

London, To-day.

The Railway Staff of the National Tribunal have recommended wage concessions be made to main line staffs aggregating £66,000, to the annual wages bill.—Reuter.

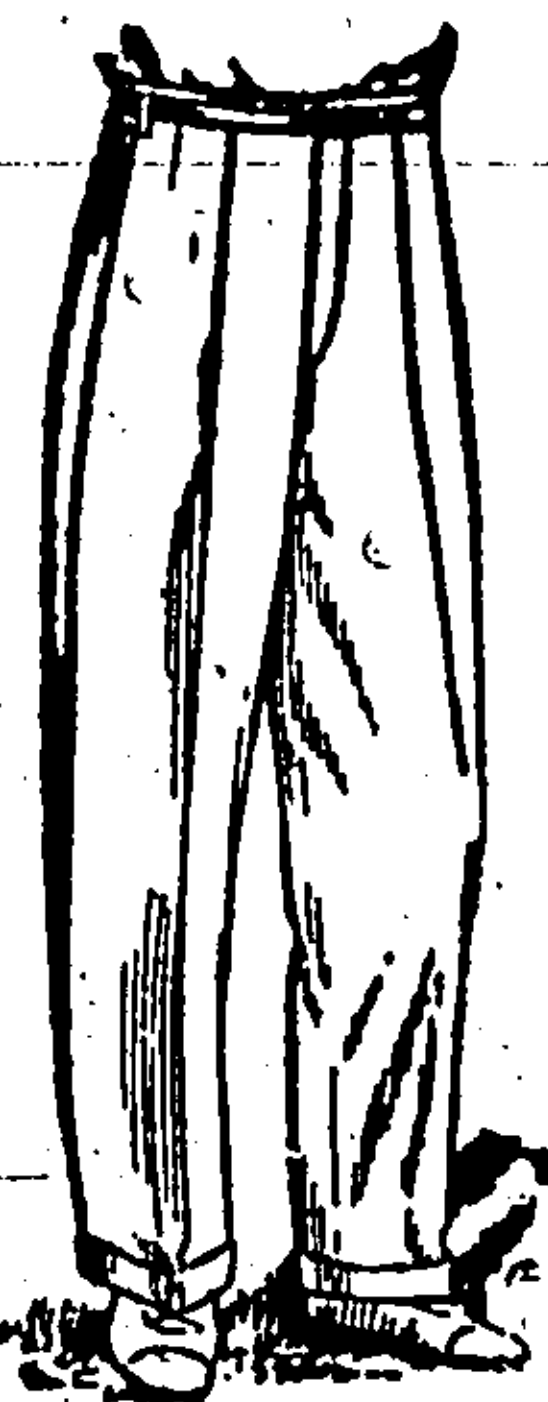
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